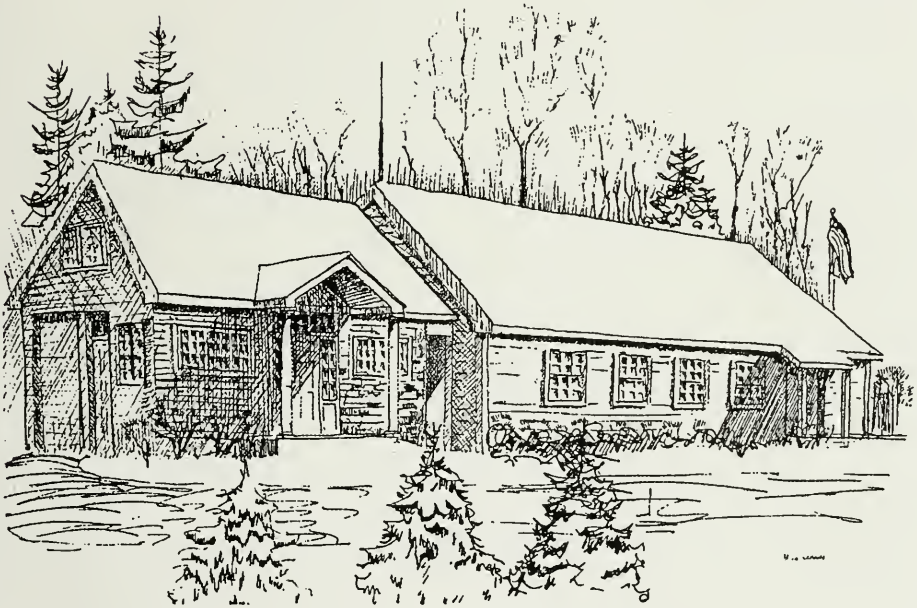
AMHERST
NEW HAMPSHIRE



1996 TOWN REPORT

Cover: An Original Pen & Ink Drawing
of the Police/Rescue Facility
By Robert Lown

Narrative Report

of the

Town Officers

of

AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1996

and

Financial Records

For the Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1996

RICHARD "RED" CROCKER

Recent historical research indicates that the roads in Amherst were first plowed in the year 1765. Many people believe that Red Crocker was in charge of the crew that did that first plowing.

After more than forty years of service to Amherst as Road Agent and Director of Public Works, Red Crocker retired in the fall of 1996. Those forty years were filled with growth and tumult for Red, as the Town he served doubled or tripled in population. Although the State Highway no longer came through the Village, the roads of Amherst were and are its lifeline to the outside world.

Mr. Crocker's roads are admired by Towns both near and far. By establishing a carefully planned program of repair and repaving, Amherst's roads are in the very best of condition.

SNOW! This is the truest test of a highway department. While many of us became bogged down in our driveways because of deep snowfall, we knew that we only had to go a few more feet to reach a freshly plowed roadway. It was always comforting to Selectmen to know that Richard Crocker and his men and women of the Highway Department were dealing with the situation. When the Selectmen mandated reduced and minimal road salt usage to protect water supplies, Red got a little redder, but he got the job done!

For a very few people, Amherst is not only their Town, it is their community, to which they are devoted. It is these people who have made Amherst better for the rest of us. Among this group of people devoted to our Town, Richard Crocker stands out as a dedicated leader, who always got the job done.

To Red Crocker, with the best of wishes from all of us ...

...Richard Verrochi ...

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WILLIAM OVERHOLT	Term Expires 1998
MARILYN PETERMAN	Term Expires 1997
RICHARD VERROCHI	Term Expires 1999
RICHARD SHERWOOD	Term Expires 1997

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
DANA G. CROWELL

TAX COLLECTOR
GAIL STOUT
Term Expires 1998

TOWN CLERK
NANCY A. DEMERS
Term Expires 1999

TREASURER
ELIZABETH OVERHOLT
Term Expires 1997

MODERATOR
ROBERT SCHAUMANN
Term Expires 1998

TOWN COUNSEL
WILLIAM R. DRESCHER, ESQUIRE

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
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POLICE CHIEF
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LIBRARY DIRECTOR
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ASSESSOR
EDWARD ELCIK

RECREATION DIRECTOR
JAMES DOANE

HEALTH OFFICER
DR. JAMES STARKE

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
KARIN ELMER

WELFARE OFFICER
SHARON L. FRYDLO

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MARCIA HOUCK, Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT
RICHARD E. CROCKER, Chief
THOMAS GRELLA, SR., Fire Ward
STEVEN BAIR, Fire Ward

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

STEVEN BAIR, Director
DONALD HOLDEN, Deputy Director

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

EDITH NOBLE, Term Expires 2000
CYNTHIA KENNEDY, Appointed to 1998
GERALDINE PORTER, Term Expires 2002

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ALEXANDER BUCHANAN, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
DOUGLAS KIRKWOOD	Term Expires 1997
ELEANOR FELLOWS	Term Expires 1997
SUSAN MCCARTHY	Term Expires 1999
ROBERT ROWE	Term Expires 1998
JONATHAN FRANK, Alternate	Term Expires 1997
WILLIAM KRAMER, Alternate	Term Expires 1997
JAMIE RAMSAY, Alternate	Term Expires 1998

PLANNING BOARD

CHARLES TIEDEMANN, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
GEORGE BOWER	Term Expires 1998
ROGER SMITH	Term Expires 1999
JOHN BOWKETT	Term Expires 1998
SALLY WILKINS	Term Expires 1997
WAYNE LYNCH	Term Expires 1999
NEAL FOLEY, Alternate	Term Expires 1997
MARGARET KEMP, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
PEGGY MILLER, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
MARILYN PETERMAN, Ex-Officio	

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

PETER BERGIN, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
F. TENNEY CLOUGH	Term Expires 1999
STEPHEN MANTIUS	Term Expires 1997

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

PETER BERGIN, Chairman
ROBERT CROUTER
RICHARD VERROCHI

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

ROLF BIGGERS, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
CAROLYN QUINN	Term Expires 1999
WLLIAM DONOVAN	Term Expires 1997
JAMES EMMOND	Term Expires 1999
BETH DAVIS	Term Expires 1999
NICOLE KELLY, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
WILLIAM DURLING, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
HELEN ROWE, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
LUKE MILLER, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
WILLIAM OVERHOLT, Ex-Officio	
CHARLES TIEDEMANN, Planning Bd. Rep.	
OTTY MERRILL, Resigned	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DONALD HOLDEN, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
HAROLD STRUSS	Term Expires 1997
KATHY SOMSSICH	Term Expires 1998
MARION SORTEVIK	Term Expires 1998
JOAN JONES	Term Expires 1999
ROBERT LOWN	Term Expires 1998
TERRY TIPTON, Resigned	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JOHN HARVEY, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
HOWARD PARKHURST	Term Expires 1998
RICHARD HART	Term Expires 1999
THORNTON STEARNS	Term Expires 1997
JAN WOODBURY	Term Expires 1998
TOM WILKINS	Term Expires 1998
BRUCE BECKLEY	Term Expires 1999
WILLIAM KRAMER, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
NOLAN JONES, Alternate	Term Expires 1997
ALEX PROHODSKI, Alternate	Term Expires 1997
CHRISTOPHER KAISER, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
VIN PUGLIA, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
KAY BRAMAN, Resigned	
NANCY BOETTINGER, Resigned	

RECREATION COMMISSION

MARY ANN SIDEBOTHOM, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
WILLIAM DONOVAN	Term Expires 1999
KRIS KYLE	Term Expires 1998
SUSAN MCKENNEY, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
GARRY KEANE, Alternate	Term Expires 1997
ANDREW PATAKY, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
RICK TINO, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
FRANK MYNAHAN, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
ROBERT JACKSON, Ex-Officio	

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

JOHN M. STARKEY	MARCIA HOUCK
RICHARD E. CROCKER	STEVEN BAIR
RICHARD LALLEY	GARY MACGUIRE
WILLIAM OVERHOLT, Ex-Officio	

ROAD COMMISSION

CHRISTOPHER KAISER	Term Expires 1998
GEORGE BOWER	Term Expires 1999
TOM SOMMERS	Term Expires 1997

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MARTIN MICHAELIS	Term Expires 1999
MARILYN PETERMAN	Term Expires 1999
MICHAEL LAMBERT, Alternate	Term Expires 1998
PAUL WENGER, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
ERIC MOORE, Traffic Advisory Committee	

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

PETER SOMSSICH	Term Expires 1998
SANDRA LAFLEUR	Term Expires 1997

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

JEAN PITUCK, Chairman	RICHARD SHERWOOD
SANDRA LAFLEUR	PETER SOMSSICH

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

NEAL FOLEY, General Chairman
HANI DURZY, Co-Chairman
BRUCE RIBOLINI, Co-Chairman
GREG KING
INGRID MICHAELIS
DAVID HALLENBECK
CHRISTY JAMESON, Alt.
JIM QUINN
ROBERT HEATON
JERRY KLEIN
STEVE LOGAN
CHARLES PYLE
JOHN LEAROYD, Alt.

MEMORIAL DAY
ANN BERGIN

JULY 4TH
CAROLYN QUINN

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT
CYNTHIA DOKMO
CAROL HOLDEN
WILLIAM BELVIN
PETER WELLS, SR.

MEMBER OF THE SENATE
SHEILA ROBERGE

AMHERST
TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire
March 11, 1997

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wilkins School
Voting on Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be at the polls

Remaining Articles will be considered at the meeting held at 7:00 p.m.
March 13th and 14th at the Souhegan Cooperative High School.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on Boston Post Road, Amherst Village on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. for the choice of Town Officers elected by official ballot and such action required to be inserted on said official ballot.

The polls will be open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will close not earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

You are hereby notified that the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Amherst will be held at Souhegan Cooperative High School on Boston Post Road, Amherst on Thursday and Friday, March 13th and 14th at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on those matters not to be voted on by official ballot (Articles 7 through 23).

Article 1.
To chose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2. (By Petition To Enact the Provisions of SB-2)
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town?

Article 3.
To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Tax Collector from a three year elected position, to a one year position appointed by the Board of Selectmen effective March 1998. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 4.
Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Amherst, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, **$15,000**; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, **$22,500**; for a person 80 years of age or older **$30,000**. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or

if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **$28,400** or, if married, a combined net income of less than **$39,400**; and own net assets not in excess of **$50,000** excluding the value of the person's residence. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 5. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to elect Planning Board members in accordance with NH RSA 673:2, II (b) (1), "the Selectmen shall choose one Selectman as an ex officio member and the remaining Planning Board positions shall be filled at the next regular town election pursuant to RSA 669:17. Thereafter, a Planning Board member shall be elected for a term provided under RSA 673:5, II".

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Amherst:

Amendment No. 1. (By Petition)
To change Lot #112-000 on Map #002 of the Tax Maps of the Town of Amherst, presently owned by Roberge Investments, LLC, c/o Al Legro, Vestmoore Management, Inc., 168 South River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire and being situate on the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 101-A and 122 from a general office zone to a commercial zone.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petitioners of the Town? (THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS A NO VOTE.)

Amendment No. 2.
To see if the Town will vote to change Article IV, Section 4-8, B-1. To DELETE "except for a residential use which shall be two acres". (Housekeeping)

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 3.
To see if the Town will vote to change Article IV, Section 4-7, B-1. To DELETE "except for a residential use which shall be two acres". (Housekeeping).

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 4.
To see if the Town will vote to DELETE Section ENCLOSURE OF SWIMMING POOLS. (Housekeeping - now included as part of building code.)

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 5.
To see if the Town will vote to DELETE Article IV, Section 4-10, Flood Plain Conservation District, and replace with the new ordinance as proposed.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board.

Amendment No. 6.
To see if the Town will vote to ADD new Article III, Section 3-16, Wireless Communications Facility as proposed.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 7.
To see if the Town will vote to DELETE Article IV, Section 6-3, B-3 and B-4: Remove "and appointed" and B-5: Remove "appointed and". (Housekeeping).

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 8.
To see if the Town will vote to ADD to Article IV, Section 4-9, A-19 permitted uses - "Retail Establishments" (change of use permit from the Planning Board required for existing buildings).

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Article 7.
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose; provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of Town Meeting or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 8.
To see if the Town will raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same or take action relative thereto. Said sum is exclusive of all special warrant articles addressed separately. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 9.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $224 to support the Big Brother/Big Sister Program or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 10.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to support the Greater Nashua/Souhegan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 11.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $111,302 for the purchase of a Champion 740A Grader to be funded in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve $109,991
Raised by Taxation 1,311

or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 12.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,000 for the reconstruction of Merrimack Road at the intersection of State Route 122 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,000 for the paving of: Hickory Drive, Maple Street, Douglas Drive and Meadow Lane or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 14.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the purchase of two parcels of land totaling 6.6 acres and the buildings thereon known as Map 10 Lots 7 & 8 to be funded by a $75,000 transfer from the Conservation Land Fund Account or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 15.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a tractor/mower for the Recreation Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,935 for the FY '97-98 lease/purchase payment (first of five) or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 16.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,000 to refurbish Fire Engine IE3 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 17. (By Petition)
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,001 to extend the water main (6" minimum pipe size) from its present terminus to the Fire Station for purposes to fill trucks and provide water for a sprinkler system in the future or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 18.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $56,616 to fund the deficit in the 1996-97 Souhegan Regional Landfill District budget appropriation or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 19.
To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money equal to 50% of the current use recovery money paid by March 1, 1997 and place the sum in a special fund for the purpose of land purchase by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 20. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25 (Disposition of Revenue) and vote to place fifty percent (50%) of the revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, II, in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III. The revenue transfer shall be at the time of collection or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 21.
To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused bonding authority granted in March 1995 for the purchase of the Bragdon Farm or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 22.
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term lease with Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile for the construction and lease of a cellular communications tower and compound on Town-owned land or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 23.
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:23-n, allowing for otherwise tax-exempt charitable properties to enter into an agreement with the Town to make payments in lieu of taxes or take action relative thereto? **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.) Ballot vote required.**

Given under our hands and seal this 5th day of February 1997.

ROBERT F. JACKSON
WILLIAM H. OVERHOLT
MARILYN PETERMAN
RICHARD VERROCHI

A true copy of warrant - ATTEST

ROBERT F. JACKSON
WILLIAM H. OVERHOLT
MARILYN PETERMAN
RICHARD VERROCHI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1995-96	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98
General Government:								
Town Officers Salaries	87651		87651	87157	494		89785	92367
Town Office Expense	201821		201821	194956	6865		222861	220184
Town Buildings	78421		78421	85830		7409	86150	125544
Elections	2000		2000	2433		433	5400	1800
Legal	45000		45000	77745		32745	45000	45000
Insurance	436984		436984	403724	33260		452916	496462
Maps & Survey	750		750	900		150	950	990
Assessing	83030		83030	83020	10		84723	96126
Police Retirement	24610		24610	17688	6922		25610	26442
Social Security	95422		95422	103232		7810	105783	114096
Employee Retirement	31017		31017	26930	4087		32821	35564
Tree Care	725		725	709	16		725	725
Conservation	1600		1600	1600			1575	2575
Contingency	30000		30000	23601	6399		25000	25000
Total	1119031		1119031	1109525	58053	48547	1179299	1282875
Public Safety:								
Police	704794		704794	700070	4724		735472	784312
Fire	142550		142550	143604		1054	143184	146384
Police Special Duty	25000		25000	25270		270	25000	25000
Animal Control	11304		11304	10169	1135		11080	11776
Emergency Management	4100		4100	2920	1180		4100	3168
Ambulance	43976		43976	37274	6702		45232	50999
Hydrant Rental	96285		96285	101302		5017	105701	110800
Lease Pay./Ladder Truck								100000
Total	1028009		1028009	1020609	13741	6341	1069769	1232439

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1995-96	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98
Health & Welfare:								
Health Officer	1500		1500	1500			1500	1500
Souhegan Nursing	9000		9000	9000			9000	9000
St. Joseph's Elderly	910		910	910			650	1170
Souhegan Valley Res.	2000		2000	2000			2000	2000
Nashua Mental Health	2028		2028	0	2028		1178	2660
Milford Counseling	3000		3000	3000			3000	3000
Nashua Mediation	600		600	1200		600	600	600
Nashua Rape & Assault	700		700	700			700	1200
Gateway							750	850
Town Welfare	15000		15000	4761	10239		15000	15000
Total	34738		34738	23071	12267	600	34378	36980
Highway:								
General Expense	131352		131352	147232		15880	177127	140182
Street Lights	21561		21561	25138		3577	24575	25877
Oiling	69700		69700	69041	659		70450	71017
Summer Maintenance	91336		91336	90018	1318		93825	97971
Winter Maintenance	260591		260591	302040		41449	268391	278874
Road Improvements	37800		37800	37800			37800	37800
Parks	16137		16137	16832		695	17014	20997
Highway Subsidy	179795		179795	180665		870	185625	200750
Landfill	73688		73688	85695		12007	115010	135427
Total	881960		881960	954461	1977	74478	989817	1008895
Recreation & Culture:								
Recreation	159474		159474	159686		212	157138	165946
Baboosic	29605		29605	24819	4786		31230	31645
Memorial Day	700		700	613	87		700	700
July 4th	3000		3000	3076		76	3000	3000
Total	192779		192779	188194	4873	288	192068	201291

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1995-96	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98
Debt Service:								
Payment on Debt-Land	0		0	0			27000	27000
Payment on Debt-Bldg.	0	0	0	0			0	35000
Interest on Debt-Land	15456		15456	15456			10795	9700
Interest on Debt-Bldg.	0		0	0			9779	18703
Total	15456		15456	15456	0	0	47574	90403
Planning & Zoning:								
Regional Planning	16375		16375	15301	1074		12793	13143
Planning	4070		4070	2568	1502		4270	3670
Board of Adjustment	1850		1850	1401	449		1850	1900
Zoning	83844		83844	83149	695		94785	103849
Total	106139		106139	102419	3720	0	113698	122562
Capital Reserves:								
Fire Truck	50000		50000	50000			0	0
Rescue Vehicle	20000		20000	20000			20000	20000
Highway Equipment	16125		16125	16125			16125	16125
Highway Vehicle	20000		20000	20000			20000	20000
Ladder Truck	50000		50000	50000			0	0
Salt Barn	25000		25000	25000			25000	25000
Total	181125		181125	181125	0	0	81125	81125
Library:								
Wages	227080		227080	227346		266	238908	249813
Operating Expenses	66170		66170	65534	636		73192	82536
Debt Service:								
Payment on Debt	45000		45000	45000			45000	45000
Interest on Debt	39967		39967	39566	401		35966	32389
Total	378217		378217	377446	1037	266	393066	409738
Transfers Out:								
Communications Center	81533		81533	84488		2955	92347	91683
Souhegan Landfill	270504		270504	228820	41684		181736	294967
Total	352037		352037	313308	41684	2955	274083	386650
Sub-Total	4289491		4289491	4285614	137352	133475	4374877	4852958

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1995-96	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98
Warrant Articles:								
Total Prior Year	594525		594525	571929	22596			
1996-97 Warrant Articles:								
Police/Rescue Addition							350000	
Paving							58000	
Ladder Truck-Lease/Purchase							314000	
Village Green Intersection							30000	
Landfill Scale-Lease/Purchase							10500	
Total Warrants							762500	
1997-98 Warrant Articles:								
Big Brother/Big Sister								224
American Red Cross								500
Grader Purchase-Champion 740A								111302
Merrimack Rd. Reconstruction								70000
Paving								58000
Land Purchase, Map 10 Lots 7 & 8								75000
Refurbish IE3								18000
Lease/Purchase Tractor (1st of 5 Years)								5935
Water Line Extension (By Petition)								12001
Grand Total	**4884016**		**4884016**	**4857543**	**159948**	**133475**	**5137377**	**5203920**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1995-96	Granted By DRA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1996-97	Granted By DRA	Proposed 1997-98
Local Taxes								
Interest on Taxes	275000	240000	221542		18458	240000	275000	240000
Yield Taxes	7500	0	17845	17845		7500	20000	20000
Land Use Change	0	30000	44556	14556		26500	130000	75000
Intergovernmental								
Shared Revenue	110679	133589	133589			131398	132008	132008
Highway Subsidy	181000	187928	187928			187928	199000	200750
Payment in Lieu	0	989	998	9		0	0	5000
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	1716	1716		0	951	1700
Bridge Aid	28000	108000	129381			0	0	0
Town Clerk Revenue								
Motor Vehicle Licenses	930000	1150000	1122594		27406	1150000	1230000	1350000
Dog Licenses	4000	4000	7043	3043		4000	7000	7000
State Fees	15000	31000	23255		7745	25000	29000	25000
Other Income	5000	7000	7345	345		7000	8000	8000
Income From Departments								
Zoning & Planning	40000	40000	93572	53572		52000	145000	135000
Police	30000	30000	46297	16297		30000	50000	40000
Recreation	83195	83195	82255		940	81120	84000	82120
Baboosic	24975	24975	17516		7459	25850	25850	21775
Adult Education	10000	10000	9875		125	10000	12000	13100
Rent of Property (Cable)	30000	35000	37467	2467		30000	40000	40000
Welfare Recovery	10000	10000	15462	5462		10000	17000	17000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1995-96	Granted By DRA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1996-97	Granted By DRA	Proposed 1997-98
Income From Departments								
Town Office	2000	2000	2845	845		2000	3000	3000
Highway Income	1000	1000	20266	19266		1000	17293	15000
Mapping Income	0	0	153	153				
Sale of Property/Surplus	1500	31500	150341	118841		1500	66606	1500
Insurance Premium Ret.	85000	62330	123960	61630		85000	135000	135000
Interest on Deposits	150000	200000	196671		3329	200000	250000	250000
Ambulance	7500	7500	12703	5203		7500	13000	63000
Fire Department	2000	2000	6815	4815		4000	7500	7500
Transfer Capital Res.	46000	46000	8885		37115	291000	291000	109991
Miscellaneous Income/Gift	4000	200000	200000			4000	10000	4000
Proceeds From Notes	435000	235000	235000			350000	350000	0
Transfer From Con.Land Acct	40000	40000	35000		5000	0	0	75000
Surplus Used	500000	360000	360000			200000	0	0
Demolition Inc.						50000	65000	65000
Release of Merrimack Rd.								42300
Total	**3058349**	**3313006**	**3552875**	**326065**	**107577**	**3214296**	**3613208**	**3184744**

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	1995-96 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	1995-96 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1996-97 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	1997-98 APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4130-4139	Executive		213,628	205,079	231,625	226,826	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		2,000	2,433	5,400	1,800	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		75,844	77,034	81,021	85,725	
4152	Revaluation of Property		83,030	83,020	84,723	96,126	
4153	Legal Expense		45,000	77,745	45,000	45,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		151,049	147,850	164,214	176,102	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		106,139	102,419	113,698	122,562	
4194	General Government Buildings		78,421	85,830	86,150	125,544	
4195	Cemeteries		-	-	-	-	
4196	Insurance		436,984	403,724	452,916	496,462	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		-	-	-	-	
4199	Other General Government		31,475	25,210	26,675	26,715	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4210-4214	Police		704,794	700,070	735,472	784,312	
4215-4219	Ambulance		43,976	37,274	45,232	50,999	
4220-4229	Fire		142,550	143,604	143,184	146,384	
	Police Special Duty		25,000	25,270	25,000	25,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		4,100	2,920	4,100	3,168	
	Fire Truck Lease/MACC Base		81,533	84,488	92,347	191,683	
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4311-4312	Administration & Highways & Streets		786,711	843,628	850,232	847,591	
4313	Bridges		-	-	-	-	
4316-4319	Street Lighting & Other		21,561	25,138	24,575	25,877	
	SANITATION		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection		73,688	85,695	115,010	135,427	
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		270,504	228,820	181,736	294,967	
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		-	-	-	-	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
	Hydrant Rental		96,285	101,302	105,701	110,800	

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4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other		-	-	-	-	
	ELECTRIC		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4351-4352	Administration & Generation						
4353	Purchase Costs						
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance						
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs						
	HEALTH						
	Health Officer & Animal Control		12,804	11,669	12,580	13,276	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		18,238	16,810	17,878	20,480	
	WELFARE		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		15,000	4,761	15,000	15,000	
4444	Intergov.Welfare Payments						
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other						
	CULTURE & RECREATION		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		189,079	184,505	188,368	197,591	
4550-4559	Library		293,250	292,880	312,100	332,349	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,700	3,689	3,700	3,700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation						
	CONSERVATION		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		1,600	1,600	1,575	2,575	
4619	Other Conservation						
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING						
4651-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
	DEBT SERVICE		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		45,000	45,000	72,000	107,000	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		55,423	55,022	56,540	60,792	
4723	Interest on TANs						
4790-4799	Other Debt Service						
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4901	Land & Improvements		475,000	472,012		75,000	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				314,000	135,237	

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4903	Buildings		5,000	4,999	350,000		
4909	Improv.Other Than Buildings		114,525	94,918	98,500	140,725	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund						
4913	To Capital Projects Fund						
4914	To Enterprise Fund						
	Sewer-						
	Water-						
	Electric-						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		181,125	181,125	81,125	81,125	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)						
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund						
4918	To Nonexpendible Trust Funds						
4919	To Agency Funds						
	SUBTOTAL 1		4,884,016	4,857,543	5,137,377	5,203,920	

lease note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special not necessarily warrant articles", which are addressed be

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL (Nor Recommende
	INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
4909	Merrimack Road	12				70,000	
4909	Paving	13				38,000	
4901	Land Purchase	14				75,000	
4902	Grader Purchase	11				111,302	
4902	Mower Lease	15				5,935	
4902	Refurbish Engine	16				18,000	
4909	Grant Agencies	9/10				724	
	SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	338,961	XXXXXXXXXX

pecial warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant article VI, as 1) petiti; 2) an article whose appropriations is r y bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund an appropriation reated pursuant to law, such as capital re unds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special artieted on the warrante or as nonlapsing or nontransferable art

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	SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
4909	Water Line Extension	17				12,001	
	SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended					12,001	

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Fiscal Ye
	TAXES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		30,000	44,556	130,000	75,000
3180	Resident Taxes					
3185	Yield Taxes		0	17,845	20,000	20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes					
3189	Other Taxes					
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		240,000	221,542	275,000	240,000
	Inventory Penalties					
	LICENSES,PERMITS & FEES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3210	Business Licenses & Permits					
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,150,000	1,122,594	1,230,000	1,350,000
3230	Building Permits		40,000	93,572	145,000	135,000
3290	Other Licenses,Permits & Fees		42,000	37,643	44,000	40,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT					
	FROM STATE		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3351	Shared Revenues		133,589	133,589	132,008	132,008
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution					
3353	Highway Block Grant		187,928	187,928	199,000	200,750
3354	Water Pollution Grant					
3355	Housing & Community Development					
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	1,716	951	1,700
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement					
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax) Bridge Aid		108,989	130,379	0	5,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS					
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3401-3406	Income from Departments		468,000	575,614	479,643	548,795
3409	Other Charges					
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		31,500	150,341	66,606	1,500
3502	Interest on Investments		200,000	196,671	250,000	250,000
3503-3509	Other					
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	Special Revenue Funds					

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENU Ensuing Fiscal Y
3912	Special Revenue Funds					
3913	Capital Projects Fund					
3914	Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer - (Offset)					
	Water - (Offset)					
	Electric - (Offset)					
1915	Capital Reserve Fund		46,000	8,885	291,000	109,991
1916	Trust & Agency Funds		40,000	35,000	0	75,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes		235,000	235,000	350,000	0
	ounts Voted From "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	
	Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXX	360,000	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
	TOTAL REVENUES		2,953,006	3,552,875	3,613,208	3,184,744

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 3)	
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (from page 3)	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount		Acct.No.	W.A. No.	Amount

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND:	
Current Use	$1,356,800.00
Residential	192,471,900.00
Commerical/Industrial	27,440,700.00
Non-Taxable ($7,168,900.00)	
BUILDINGS:	
Residential	354,829,100.00
Manufactured	1,677,300.00
Commercial/Industrial	36,238,900.00
Non-Taxable ($25,851,200.00)	
UTILITIES:	
Electric	9,463,300.00
Gas	941,300.00
Telephone	2,587,400.00
Water	1,579,900.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS:	$628,586,600.00
EXEMPTIONS OFF ASSESSED VALUE:	
Elderly (58)	1,312,000.00
Blind (7)	210,000.00
Totally & Permanently Disabled (3)	343,400.00
Solar/Windpower (5)	25,500.00
NET VALUATION AFTER EXEMPTIONS:	$626,695,700.00
EXEMPTIONS OFF GROSS TAX:	
Veterans (609)	72,600.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Prior Years	Current Year
Farm Land Acres	3653.33	(146.99)
Forest Land Acres	2746.84	(62.70)
Unproductive Land Acres	443.20	28.06
Wet Land Acres	1120.04	29.44
Discretionary Easements	69.00	-

COMPARISON INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR TAX COMPUTATION

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Net Land	107,404,005	218,706,690	217,695,600	221,269,400
Buildings	318,350,498	367,042,600	377,278,400	391,068,000
Utilities:				
Water	1,710,291	1,048,300	1,579,900	1,579,900
Gas	1,029,500	941,300	941,300	941,300
Electric	6,217,000	9,463,300	9,463,300	9,463,300
Telephone	1,834,000	2,587,400	2,587,400	2,587,400
Mobile Homes	987,970	1,447,300	1,695,600	1,677,300
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	**437,533,264**	**601,236,890**	**611,241,500**	**628,586,600**
Totally & Permanently Disabled	240,400	343,300	343,300	343,400
Elderly Exemptions	810,100	1,189,000	1,229,500	1,312,000
Blind	90,000	150,000	180,000	210,000
Solar	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500
Total Valuation After Exemptions	**436,367,264**	**599,529,090**	**609,463,100**	**626,695,700**

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant Article #	For Use By Municipality (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130	Executive		231,625	
4140	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics		5,400	
4150	Financial Administration		81,021	
4152	Revaluation of Property		84,723	
4153	Legal Expense		45,000	
4155	Personnel Administration		164,214	
4191	Planning and Zoning		113,698	
4194	General Government Building		86,150	
4195	Maps, Trees, Conservation		3,250	
4196	Insurance		452,916	
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations			
	Contingency		25,000	
4199	Other General Government			
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210	Police		735,472	
4215	Ambulance		45,232	
4220	Fire		143,184	
4240	Police Private Duty		25,000	
4290	Emergency Management		4,100	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)		92,347	
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312	Highways and Streets		850,232	
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting		24,575	
	SANITATION			
4323	Solid Waste Collection		115,010	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		181,736	
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal			
	WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT			
4332	Water Services			
4335	Water Treatment			
	Hydrant Rental		105,701	
	HEALTH			
4414	Animal Control		11,080	
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		17,878	
	Health Officer		1,500	
	WELFARE			
4442	Direct Assistance		15,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			
4445	Vendor Payments			
	Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)		3,661,044	

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant Article #	For Use By Municipality (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
	Sub-Tntals (from page 2)		3,661,044	
	CULTURE AND RECREATION			
4520	Parks and Recreation		188,368	
4550	Library		312,100	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,700	
4589	Other Culture and Recreation			
	CONSERVATION			
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources			
4619	Other Conservation			
4632	**REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**			
4652	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**			
	DEBT SERVICE			
4711	Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes		72,000	
4721	Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		56,540	
4723	Interest on TAN			
	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4901	Land and Improvements			
4902	Mach, Veh., & Equip.		314,000	
4903	Buildings		350,000	
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		98,500	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund Article 12		81,578	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer —			
	Water —			
	Electric —			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		81,125	
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		5,218,955	

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total. We hope this will expedite the tax rate process by reducing the number of inquiries from this office.

Acct.	W.A.	Amt.	Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
4909	9	58,000			
	10	10,500			
	11	30,000			

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warrant Article #	For Use By Municipality (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		108,078	
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Yield Taxes		7,500	
3186	Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
3189	Other Taxes (Specify Bank Stock Tax Amt.)$			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		240,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
	LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,150,000	
3230	Building Permits		52,000	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		36,000	
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
3319	Other			
	FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenue		131,398	
3353	Highway Block Grant		187,928	
3354	Water Pollution Grants			
3355	Housing and Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			
	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT			
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues			
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401	Income from Departments		311,970	
3409	Other Charges			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property / Rental		30,000	
3502	Interest on Investments		200,000	
3509	Other			
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	Special Revenue Fund			
3913	Capital Projects Fund			
3914	Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer —			
	Water —			
	Electric —			
3915	Capital Reserve Fund (Discontinue Fire 214,000,Bridge 77,000)		291,000	
3916	Trust and Agency Funds			
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934	Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds		350,000	
	General Fund Balance — For Municipal Use			
	Unreserved Fund Balance — $		XXXXX	XXXXX
	Fund Balance Voted From Surplus — < $ >			
	Fund Balance to be Retained — < $ >		XXXXX	XXXXX
	Fund Balance Remaining to be Used to Reduce Taxes — $ 221,000			
	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		3,316,874	

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
1996 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Portion

				Tax Rates
Appropriations	5,218,955.00			
Less: Revenues	(3,613,208.00)			
Less: Shared Revenues	(15,128.00)			
Add: Overlay	230,489.00			
War Service Credits	98,100.00			
Net Town Appropriation		1,919,208.00		
Approved Town Tax Effort			1,919,208.00	
Municipal Tax Rate				**3.06**

School Portion

Due to Local School	8,576,665.00			
Due to Regional School	5,984,174.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	(154,307.00)			
Net School Appropriation		14,406,532.00		
Approved School Tax Effort			14,406,532.00	
School Tax Rate				**22.99**

County Portion

Due to County	1,455,893.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	(8,543.00)			
Net County Appropriation		1,447,350.00		
Approved County Tax Effort			1,447,350.00	
County Tax Rate				**2.31**
Combined Tax Rate				**28.36**
Total Property Taxes Assessed			17,773,090.00	

Commitment Analysis

Total Property Taxes Assessed	17,773,090.00
Less: War Service Credits	(98,100.00)
Add: Village District Commitment	0.00
Total Property Tax Commitment	**17,674,990.00**

FORM F-65(MS-5)
(7-10-95)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

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Part I **GENERAL FUND** – Revenues and expenditures for the period – *Specify* 7

January 1, 199___ to December 31, 199___
OR
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

A. REVENUES – Modified Accural	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenue from taxes		
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay Plus C line 6, page 11)	3110	T01 $ 16,684,809
b. Exhibit – taxes paid to school districts *(Total on line 16c, page 7)*	4933	
c. Land use change taxes	3120	T01 125,890
d. Resident taxes	3180	T01
e. Yield taxes	3185	T01 18,565
f. Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	U99 0
g. Other taxes *(Explain on separate schedule)*	3189	T01
h. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	T01 201,445
i. TOTAL *(Excluding line 1b)* ⟶		$ 17,030,709
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes *(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)*		$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees		T99
a. Business licenses and permits	3210	0
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	T01 1,145,848
c. Building permits	3230	T99 86,253
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees	3290	T99 14,389
e. TOTAL ⟶		$ 1,246,490

Part I **GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

A. REVENUES – Modified Accrual (Continued) 4. Revenue from the federal government	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
a. Housing and urben renewal (HUD)	3311	B5Ø $
b. Environmental protection	3312	B89
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements – *Specify*	3319	B89
d. TOTAL →		$
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		C3Ø
a. Shared revenue block grant	3351	$ 317,603
b. Highwey block grant	3353	C46 187,928
c. Water pollution grants	3354	C91
d. Housing and community development	3355	C5Ø
e. State and federal forest land reimbursement	3356	C89 24
f. Flood control reimbursement	3357	C89
g. Other state grants and reimbursements – *Specify* Railroad Tax	3359	C 975
h. TOTAL →		$ 506,530
6. Revenue from other governments Intergovernmental revenue – Other	3379	D $ 93,384
7. Revenue from charges for services *(Exclude interfund transfers)* e. Income from departments	3401	A89 $ 226,766
b. Water supply system charges	3402	A91
c. Sewer user charges	3403	A8Ø
d. Garbage-refuse charges	3404	A81
e. Other charges	3409	A89
f. TOTAL →		$ 226,766

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES – Modified Accrual (Continued) 8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 $
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11 104,515
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20 196,671
d. Rents of property	3503	U40 45,167
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U99 1,510
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99 123,960
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U99
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99
i. TOTAL →		$ 471,823
9. Interfund operating transfers in		
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	$
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913	
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914	
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	46,905
e. Transfers from trust and agency funds	3916	46,000
f. TOTAL →		$ 92,905
10. Other financial sources		
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	$
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935	
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939	
d. TOTAL →		$
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES →		$ 19,668,607
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY *(Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2d, column b, page 8)* →		$ (50,511)
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 *(Should equal line 19, page 7)* →		$ 19,618,096

Remarks

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Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 $ 209,745	G29 $	F29 $
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	4140	E89 2,433	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 77,034	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23 83,020	G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 77,746	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 102,419	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 85,829	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E89	G89	F89
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E89 400,067	G89	F89
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 179,784	G89	F89
m. TOTAL →		$ 1,218,077	$	$
2. Public safety				
a. Police	4210	E62 $ 720,780	G62 $	F62 $
b. Ambulance	4215	E32 36,430	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24 144,620	G24	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66	G66	F66
e. Emergency management	4290	E89 2,921	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89 Communication Center 84,488	G89	F89
g. TOTAL →		$ 989,239	$	$
3. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	$ 142,556	$	$
b. Highways and streets	4312	685,241		
c. Bridges	4313			
d. Street lighting	4316	25,138		
e. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319			
f. TOTAL →		E44 $ 852,935	G44 $	F44 $

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Part I **GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

8. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Sanitation				
a. Administration	4321	E8Ø $	G8Ø $	F8Ø $
b. Solid waste collection	4323	E81 85,696	G81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	E81 228,820	G81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81	G81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	E8Ø	G8Ø	F8Ø
f. Other sanitation	4329	E8Ø	G8Ø	F8Ø
g. TOTAL →		$ 314,516	$	$
5. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	$	$	$
b. Water services	4332			
c. Water treatment	4335			
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339	101,302		
f. TOTAL →		E91 $ 101,302	G91 $	F91 $
6. Health				
a. Administration	4411	$	$	$
b. Pest control	4414			
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	18,310		
d. Other health	4419	10,168		
e. TOTAL →		E32 $ 28,478	G32 $	F32 $
7. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes *(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)*		$	$	$
8. Welfare				
a. Administration	4441	E79 $	G79 $	F79 $
b. Direct assistance	4442	E67 4,761		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	M79		
d. Vendor payments	4445	E75		
e. Other welfare	4449	E79	G79	F79
f. TOTAL →		$ 4,761	$	$

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Part I **GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

B. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No.	Total expenditure	Equipment and land purchases	Construction
9. Culture and recreation	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
a. Parks and recreation	4520	E61 $ 201,338	G61 $	F61 $
b. Library	4550	E52	G52	F52
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	E61 3,689	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	E61	G61	F61
e. TOTAL →		$ 205,027	$	$
10. Conservation				
a. Administration	4611	$ 1,978	$	$
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612			
c. Other conservation	4619			
d. TOTAL →		E59 $ 1,978	G59 $	F59 $
11. Redevelopment and housing				
a. Administration	4631	$	$	$
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632			
c. TOTAL →		E5Ø $	G5Ø $	F5Ø $
12. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	$	$	$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL →		E89 $	G89 $	F89 $
13. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	$ 45,000	$	$
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	I89 39,566		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	I89		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL →		$ 84,566	$	$
14. Capital outlay				
a. Land and improvements	4901	G $ 46,012	$	$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902	G 60,385		
c. Buildings	4903	F 20,455		
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909	F 153,442		
e. TOTAL →		$ 280,294	$	$

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Part I **GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual (Continued) 15. Interfund operating transfers out	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	$	$	$
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	181,125		
e. Transfers to trust and agency funds	4916	378,552		
f. TOTAL →		$ 559,677	$	$
16. Payments to other governments (Assessed Amount)				
a. Taxes paid to county	4931	$ 1,358,580	$	$
b. Taxes paid to precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Taxes paid to school districts	4933	13,742,393		
d. Payments to other governments	4939			
e. TOTAL →		$15,100,973	$	$
17. TOTAL EXPENDITURES →		$19,741,823	$	$
18. TOTAL FUND EQUITY *(End of year)* *(Should equal line B2d, column c, on page 8 and line A13 less line B17, on page 3)* →		$ (123,726)		
19. TOTAL OF LINES 17 AND 18 *(Should equal line 13 on page 3)* →		$19,618,097		

Part II

This area may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please go to page 12.

Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Part III **GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET** – *Please specify the period*

As of December 31, 199___ OR June 30, 1996___

A. ASSETS	Account No.	Beginning of year	End of year
1. Current assets	(a)	(b)	(c)
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	$ 739,971	$ 3,030,819
b. Investments	1030	3,428,583	2,751,671
c. Taxes receivable *(See worksheet, page 11)*	1080	4,564,846	2,586,743
d. Tax liens receivable	1110	111,816	588,757
e. Accounts receivable	1150	12,744	12,640
f. Due from other governments	1260	40,185	593
g. Due from other funds	1310	59,274	59,284
h. Other current assets	1400	7,000	144,588
i. **TOTAL ASSETS** *(Should equal line B3)* →		$ 8,964,419	$ 9,175,095
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	$ 40,596	$ 95,029
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070		
e. Due to school districts	2075		
f. Due to other funds	2080	0	81,977
g. Deferred revenue	2220	8,905,670	9,029,274
h. Notes payable – Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable – Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270	86,600	92,541
k. **TOTAL LIABILITIES** →		$ 9,032,866	$ 9,298,821
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances *(Please detail on page 12)*	2440	$ 147,884	$ 86,461
b. Reserve for special purposes *(Please detail on page 12)*	2490		
c. Unreserved fund balance	2530	(216,331)	(210,187)
d. **TOTAL FUND EQUITY** →		$ (68,447)	$ (123,726)
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY *(Should equal line A1i)* →		$ 8,964,419	$ 9,175,095

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Part IV GENERAL FUND

	Account No. (a)	Beginning of year Debit (b)	Beginning of year Credit (c)	End of year Debit (d)	End of year Credit (e)
A. FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCOUNTS *(Please specify date)* As of December 31, 199___ OR June 30, 1996					
1. Land and improvements	1610	$		$	
2. Buildings	1620				
3. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
4. Construction in progress	1650				
5. Improvements other than buildings	1660				
6. Tax deeded property	1670				
7. Investment in general fixed assets	2800				
8. TOTAL →		$	$	$	$
B. LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS *(Please specify date)* As of December 31, 199___ OR June 30, 1996					
1. Bond proceeds not used	1810	$		$	
2. Amount to be provided for the retirement of long-term debt	1820	495,000		685,000	
3. Notes and bonds payable – Long-term	2310		495,000		685,000
4. Other long-term liabilities	2390				
5. TOTAL →		$ 495,000	$ 495,000	$ 685,000	$ 685,000

Part IV GENERAL FUND (Continued)

C. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT *(Please specify date)*

As of December 31, 199___

OR

June 30, 199 6

Description of general obligation bonds *(Please also list total original obligation)*

	Purpose (a)	Annual Installment (b)	Interest rate (c)	Date of final payment (d)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (e)	Bonds issued this year (f)	Bonds retired this year (g)	Bonds o/s at end of year (h)
1. $900,000	Library	$5,000	3.0-8.125		$ 495,000	$ 0	$ 45,000	$ 450,000
2. $235,000	Note For Purchase of Land	47,000	Adj.	-	-	235,000	-	235,000
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8. TOTAL ——→					$ 495,000	$ 235,000	$ 45,000	$ 685,000

D. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AS OF *(Enter date)* June 30, 1996 **FOR THE ENSUING FIVE YEARS**

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	1997	$ 92,000	$ 35,966	$ 127,966
2.	1998	92,000	32,389	124,389
3.	1999	92,000	28,901	120,901
4.	2000	92,000	25,391	117,391
5.	2001	92,000	21,836	113,836
6. **SUBTOTAL** *(Sum of lines 1-5)*		460,000	144,483	604,483
7. **Remaining periods of debt** 2002-2006		225,000	54,788	279,788
8. **TOTAL** *(Sum of lines 6 and 7)* ——→		685,000	199,271	884,271

Remarks

Note Received for Purchase of Land - Five Equal Payments of $47,000 with Adjustable Interest Rate. Interest Not Included in Section D.

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Part V RECONCILIATIONS

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY	Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year *(Account number 2075, column b, on page 8)*	$ 0
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year *(Should equal line B16c, Account number 4933, on page 7)*	13,742,393
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR *(Sum of lines 1 and 2)*	13,742,393
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	⟨ 13,742,393 ⟩
5. School district liability at end of year (lines 3 less line 4) *(Account number 2075, column c, on page 8)*	0

B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	Amount
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V $
2. ADD: New issues during current year	
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	⟨ ⟩
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 – 3) *(Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 8)*	64V

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D.

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET	Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*		309,000	309,000
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made	⟨ 720⟩	⟨ 61,523⟩	⟨ 62,243⟩
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	⟨ ⟩	⟨ ⟩	⟨ 0 ⟩
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	⟨366,212⟩	⟨ ⟩	⟨366,212⟩
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	⟨ ⟩	⟨359,524⟩	⟨359,524⟩
6. Excess of estimate (Add to page 1, line 1a)	366,932	10,999	377,931

*Overlay amount for current year column and last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b.

**This amount will go into line 1 for next year's worksheet.

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET	1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	$2,586,743	$948,281	3,535,024
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	⟨ ⟩	⟨359,524⟩	⟨ 359,524⟩
3. Receivable, end of year	2,586,743	588,757	3,175,500

(TOTAL amount is entered on page 8, account numbers 1080 and 1110, column c)

Part VI **SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS** – *Please specify the period* ☞

January 1, 199___ to December 31, 199___ OR July 1, 199 5 to June 30, 199 6

REVENUE (BY SOURCE)	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary funds: Enterprise (c)	Proprietary funds: Internal service (d)
	TØ1	TØ1	TØ1	
1. Revenue from taxes	$	$	$	$
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T99	T99	T99	
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89	B89	
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89	C89	
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89	D89	
6. Revenue from charges for services			A91	
(a) Water supply system charges				
(b) Sewer user charges			A8Ø	
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges			A81	
(d) Other – *Specify* ☞ (1)				
(2)				
(3)				
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U2Ø	U2Ø	U2Ø	U2Ø
(a) Interest on investments		5,704		
(b) Other miscellaneous sources		57,727		
8. Interfund operating transfers in				
9. Other financial sources				
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES →	$	$ 63,431	$	$

Part VII **SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS** – *Please specify the period*

January 1, 199____ to December 31, 199____ OR July 1, 199_5_ to June 30, 199_6_

EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary funds: Enterprise (c)	Proprietary funds: Internal service (d)
1. General government	F89 $	E89 $	E89 $	$
2. Public safety	F89	E89	E89	
3. Sanitation	F8Ø	E8Ø	E8Ø	
4. Water distribution and treatment	F91		E91	
5. Health	F32	E32	E32	
6. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	
7. Culture and recreation	F81	E81 336,094	E81	
8. Conservation	F59	E59 4,759	E59	
9. Redevelopment and housing	F5Ø	E5Ø	E5Ø	
10. Economic development	F89	E89	E89	
11. Debt service				
12. Capital outlay	F89	F89 5,765	F89	F89
13. Interfund operating transfers out				
14. Payments to other governments				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES →	$	$ 346,618	$	$

Remarks

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Part VIII **BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS** – *Please specify the period*

As of December 31, 199___ OR June 30, 1996

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010	$	$ 81,359	$	$
(b) Investments	1030		98,592		
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310		81,977		
(f) Other – *Specify*					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610	$	$	$	$
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other – *Specify*					
3. TOTAL ASSETS →		$	$ 261,928	$	$

Part VIII - BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued) – *Please specify the period*

As of December 31, 199___ OR June 30, 199_6_

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds: Enterprise (d)	Proprietary funds: Internal service (e)
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020	$	$	$	$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080				
(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other – *Specify*					
(i) **TOTAL LIABILITIES** →		$	$	$	$
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440	$	$		
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490		261,928		
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530				
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2820				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) **TOTAL FUND EQUITY** →			261,928		
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY →		$	$ 261,928	$	$

Part IX **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET**

The data requested below should be included in parts I–IV. By supplying this information you will not be asked to complete Census Bureau forms F21 or F22.

A. ALL FUNDS (ADDITIONAL)	Account No. (a)	TOTAL (b)	Equipment and land (c)	Construction (d)
Revenue				
Parks and recreation	3409	A61 $ 108,262		
Parking	3409	A6Ø		
Electric power system		A92		
Transit or bus system		A94		
Expenditure		E6Ø	G6Ø	F6Ø
Parking	3409	$		
Vital statistics	4140	E32	G32	F32
Other hospitals – payments to hospitals operated privately	4415	E38	G38	F38
Money paid **directly** to needy persons **not** covered by Federal programs (general relief, home relief, poor relief, etc.)	4442	E68 4,761		
Electric power system		E92	G92	F92
Transit or bus system		E94	G94	F94

B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Report payments made to the State or other local governments **on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis.** Do not include these expenditures in part VI.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to other local governments (c)
Schools		M12 $
Sewers		M8Ø
All other – County	4931	M89
All other – Towns	4199	M89

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to the State (c)
Highways	4319	L44
All other purposes	4199	L89

C. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose (a)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year: Issued (c)	Bonds during this fiscal year: Retired (d)	Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year: General obligations (e)	Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year: Revenue bonds (f)
Water-sewer utility	19A	29A	39A	41A	44A
Industrial revenue	19T	24T	34T		44T
All other debt	19X 495,000	29X	39X 45,000	41X 450,000	44X
Education	19H	29F	39F	41F	44F
Interest on water debt	19I				

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Part IX SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET (Continued)

D. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

	Total wages paid
Z00	1,793,761

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Report separately for each of the three types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Include in the sinking fund total any mortgeges and notes receivable held as offsets to housing and industrial financing loans. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)		Amount at end of fiscal year *Omit cents* (b)
Bond funds – Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31	
All other funds except employee retirement funds	W61	6,034,414
CENSUS USE ONLY	W01	

Part X CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:

Richard Mumm

ROBERT F JACKSON

Kathryn T Ca

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

Please be sure you have completed Part IX, items A–E.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

- For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.
- For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Property	Map & Lot	Assessment
Town Hall & Land	18-42	308,500.00
Library & Land	17-7	712,800.00
Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.	6-69	117,500.00
Police/Rescue/Fire Land	6-94	81,400.00
Police/Rescue Building		146,900.00
Central Fire Station		361,600.00
South Fire Station	2-127-3	100,300.00
Baboosic Lake Land & Bldg.	24-13-2	178,700.00
Baboosic Lake Land	24-13-1	37,300.00
Baboosic Dump	6-86	36,500.00
Jones Lot	2-26-1	54,000.00
Meadowview Cemetery	5-172	110,500.00
Tool House		4,800.00
Howard Cemetery Addition	17-51	62,200.00
Chestnut Hill Cemetery	11T	44,400.00
Cricket Corner Cemetery	4-94-1	2,700.00
Potters Field	1-1-32	21,600.00
Souhegan Regional Landfill	8-9-1	264,200.00
Thibodeau Land	2-163	400.00
Kutick Land	3-34-3	100.00
Cemetery Field	4-25	11,600.00 c.u.
Winslow Pit	2-26-2-2	14,400.00
Bragdon Farm	8-54	91,700.00
Bragdon Farm	8-54-1	18,900.00 c.u.
Bragdon Farm	8-56	5,600.00 c.u.
Bragdon Farm (Bedford)	30-15	6,311.00 c.u.
Town Parks		
Village Tennis Courts & Land	17-13	87,900.00
Village Fire Station Land	17-26	46,500.00
Sullivan Land	20-4-1	1,200.00
Court House Common	16-15	1,200.00
Pierce Common	17-17-4	15,900.00
Spalding Common	17-10	69,300.00
Huntington Common	16-14	58,300.00
Spalding Field	5-97	80,300.00
School Street Park	17-17-2	67,200.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Parks - Continued	Map & Lot	Assessment
Mack Hill Common	19-21	24,900.00
Carriage Common	17-17-1	67,400.00
Main Street Common	17-17-3	72,000.00
Boston Post Village Common	17-17-6	16,200.00
Civil War Common	17-17-5	16,600.00
Gault Land	25-28	7,600.00
Bowling Alley Land	25-104	7,000.00
Triangle at Broadway (Brown)	24-3	7,400.00

Tax Deeded Property	Acreage	Assessment
24-19 Brooks Land	0.14	7,700.00
4-16 White Lot	1.00	34,500.00
24-11 Broadway Lot	0.04	12,400.00
24-61 Nash Land	2.00	2,000.00
6-65 Cloutier Land	0.70	100.00
21-3 Allan Lot	0.56	9,300.00
6-47-1 Savarino Lot	2.88	40,900.00
25-29 Monson Lot	0.19	13,800.00
6-19,19-1,2,3,4,5 Grater Road	13.51	119,600.00
6-122 Sargent Lot	1.18	600.00
5-74 Curtis Lot	6.00	44,000.00
6-108-2 27 Ravine Road	0.90	25,700.00
6-108-3 25 Ravine Road	0.90	25,700.00
25-12 69 Broadway	0.66	31,700.00
8-49 Route 101E	4.20	34,000.00
2-19-1 11 Old Nashua Rd.	5.50	160,500.00
7-76 24 Old Mt. Vernon Rd.	17.91	5,700.00
5-103-8 6 Brimstone Hill	1.00	49,900.00
8-16-4 6 Nathaniel Drive	1.70	46,000.00
6-47-2 51 Baboosic Lake Rd.	2.00	34,000.00
25-26 Baboosic Cottage Assoc.	0.94	25,800.00

Tax Deeded Land Managed by Conservation		
4-16-2 Melendy Lot	2.50	1,200.00
11-17 Gelinas Lot	16.00	59,000.00
5-87 Yankee Homes	5.40	1,400.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Continued	Acreage	Assessment
2-115 Currier Land	6.00	6,000.00
4-34-23 Currier Land	14.00	67,000.00
8-77-10 Sylvester Lot	17.50	68,400.00
2-146-55,56,57 Glover Lot	2.25	101,900.00
4-34-25 Wells Realty	3.50	400.00
5-63-1 Church of Our Savior	0.80	100.00
Conservation Land		
Joe English 9-2,10-2,3,4 10-18-5,10-22-1,10-40-1	373.00	371,400.00
Great Meadow 5-146,5-147, 5-149,5-152,5-153-1,5-169 17-55-1	61.00	285,900.00
Ross Bird Sanctuary 6-112-2,6-115-4	21.00	57,700.00
Beaver Brook Park 18-41-1	2.00	53,700.00
Caeser's Brook Reservation 7-91	40.00	72,200.00
Sherburne Lot -2-145-4	10.00	115,200.00
B&M Railroad 6-120,6-121	18.00	4,200.00
Carey Dev. Lot 4-52-54	10.00	200.00
Bartlett Lot 4-55	2.50	900.00
Wilson Lot 5-107-5	2.30	52,500.00
Morgan Lot 6-30-6	8.80	46,800.00
Roantree Lot 17-83-1	0.50	58,900.00
Gault Lot 25-103	2.30	36,300.00
Fillmore Lot 2-31-6	2.00	74,400.00
Luby Lot 5-82-8	10.00	7,900.00
Arnold Land 8-11	32.00	25,600.00
Arnold Land 7-800	60.00	60,000.00
Beacon Associates 4-35	8.00	300.00
Wilkins Land 5-62,5-65 5-65-1,5-66,5-75-1	68.00	115,100.00
Smith Lot 5-68	8.00	56,000.00
Monahan Land 8-49-41 8-49-39,10-5-18	3.69	113,000.00
Scott Land 4-48,2-140	39.00	117,600.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Continued	Acreage	Assessment
Alice Townes 5-150	1.40	51,900.00
Haseltine Land 7-42,8-10	128.00	113,000.00 c.u.
Davis Land 7-73-1	6.10	44,100.00
Monson Lot 21-20-62	0.80	45,400.00
Lot 5-135	54.72	17,500.00 c.u.
Lot 5-130	4.00	1,300.00
Merrill Property 5-63	2.24	48,200.00
Arnold Land 10-6,10-9	119.00	38,300.00 c.u.
Pond Parish 6-24	173.28	32,500.00
Green Road 5-115	17.38	4,900.00 c.u.
Lorden Land 8-26	60.00	6,700.00 c.u.

School Property	Lot No.	Assessment
Brick School	17-82	236,600.00
Middle School	2-145	4,250,300.00
Souhegan High School	2-145-5	12,436,900.00
Clark School	17-33	895,200.00
Wilkins School	19-11	2,730,200.00
Simeon Wilson Road Fields	2-141-3	65,700.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 1995-JUNE 30, 1996

	1996	1995
Uncollected Taxes		
Property Taxes	0.00	3,925,083.22
Current Use	0.00	60.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Taxes Committed		
Property Taxes	8,444,787.46	8,667,773.34
Current Use	4,080.00	121,810.00
Yield Taxes	3,224.43	15,340.23
Overpayment		
Property Taxes	15.00	28,324.76
Current Use	0.00	48.83
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	0.00	93,981.48
TOTAL DEBTS	8,452,106.89	12,852,421.86
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	5,865,112.34	12,588,470.50
Current Use	4,080.00	117,268.83
Yield Taxes	1,042.19	14,794.36
Interest	0.00	93,981.48
Abatements Allowed		
Property Taxes	0.00	25,658.22
Current Use	0.00	4,650.00
Yield Taxes	719.51	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	2,579,690.12	7,052.60
Current Use	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,462.73	545.87
TOTAL CREDITS	8,452,106.89	12,852,421.86

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1995	1994	Prior
Unredeemed Liens	0.00	596,475.62	352,227.38
Liens Executed	598,201.40	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs	2,781.01	34,887.58	69,794.92
Refunds	0.00	178.18	0.00
TOTAL DEBTS	600,982.41	631,541.38	422,022.30
Remittance:			
Redemptions	90,342.67	287,359.87	191,892.47
Interest & Costs	2,781.01	34,887.58	69,794.92
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	0.00	11,406.84	10,802.40
Deeded to Municipalities	2,344.67	2,279.49	4,382.07
Unredeemed	505,514.06	295,607.60	145,150.44
TOTAL CREDIT	600,982.41	631,541.38	422,022.30

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996

Automobile Registrations	$1,120,909.00
Titles	3,776.00
Municipal Agent Program	23,265.00
Dog Licenses	11,107.00
Vital Statistics	2,587.00
Dog Fines	1,472.00
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	4,902.84
Parking Tickets	1,700.00
Miscellaneous	297.67
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	**$1,170,016.51**

SUMMARY OF THE TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 1995 TO JUNE 30, 1996

General Fund		
Opening Balance		698,674.29
Receipts:		
Selectmen	2,000,815.03	
Tax Collector	18,763,604.76	
Town Clerk	1,170,016.51	
		21,934,436.30
Bad Checks		-36,650.29
Bad Checks-Redeposited		34,099.15
Transfer In From Repurchase Agreement		17,473,131.24
Manifests Paid		-18,835,150.38
Payroll Manifests Paid		-1,816,726.45
Transfers to Repurchase Agreement		-16,599,345.07
		-19,780,641.80
Ending Balance June 30, 1996		**2,852,468.79**
Repurchase Agreement		
Beginning Balance July 1, 1995		3,428,583.17
Transfers In From Checking		16,599,345.07
Transfers Out to Checking		-17,473,131.24
Interest Income		196,874.29
		-676,911.88
Ending Balance June 30, 1996		**2,751,671.29**
Conservation Gift Account		
Opening Balance July 1, 1995		26,920.44
Interest Earned		800.16
Income		-0-
Expended		-2,530.00
Balance June 30, 1996		25,190.60
Conservation Land Account		
Opening Balance July 1, 1995		39,528.56
Interest Earned		867.84
Income		22,780.79
Expended		- 38,185.94
Balance June 30, 1996		24,991.25

Recreation/Baboosic Account	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	770.85
Interest	21.48
Income	-0-
Expended	-0-
Balance June 30, 1996	792.33
Rescue/CPR	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	561.57
Interest	20.59
Income	280.00
Expended	-0-
Balance June 30, 1996	862.16
Town Band Account	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	3,730.19
Interest	125.46
Income	1,300.00
Expended	-1,934.00
Balance June 30, 1996	3,221.65
Friel Family Golf Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	2,370.62
Interest	71.05
Balance June 30, 1996	2,441.67
LTL Realty Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	7,835.61
Interest	215.46
Balance June 30, 1996	8,051.07
Quinn Brothers Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	769.19
Interest	23.06
Balance June 30, 1996	792.25
DARE of Amherst	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	3,216.19
Deposits	188.85
Interest	89.81
Expenses	-1,898.08
Balance June 30, 1996	1,596.77

Amherst Escrow-Village Green	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	1,015.44
Deposits	250.00
Interest	30.59
Balance June 30, 1996	1,296.03
Indian Pond Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	-0-
Deposits - 5/10/96	10,000.00
Withdrawal	-2,000.00
Interest	33.76
Balance June 30, 1996	8,033.76
Regency Homes Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	-0-
Deposits - 1/25/96	2,125.00
Interest	24.77
Balance June 30, 1996	2,149.77
VanLunen Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	-0-
Deposits - 10/4/95	6,700.00
Interest	133.48
Balance June 30, 1996	6,833.48
Colonist Homes Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1995	-0-
Deposits - 6/6/96	56,000.00
Interest	114.17
Balance June 30, 1996	56,114.17

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1996

MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

# SHS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	BALANCE BEG YEAR	PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEG YEAR	INCOME RECEIVED	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR
PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS:											
0	US TREAS NOTES 8.625% 10/15/95	24,968.75	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	31.25	0.00		1,078.13		
47,000	US TREAS NOTES 7.25% 11/15/96	46,339.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,339.06		3,407.50		
25,000	US TREAS NOTES 8.625% 8/15/97	24,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,937.50		0.00		
100,000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 8/15/97	55,004.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,004.00		2,156.26		
100,000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 5/15/98	51,295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,295.00		0.00		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES 7.125% 10/15/98	51,031.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,031.25		3,562.50		
50,000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 2/15/00	36,395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,395.00		0.00		
200	AMOCO	10,422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,422.00		500.00		
600	AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSINO	14,698.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,698.50		225.00		
1000	BELLSOUTH	20,268.50	0.00	0.00	16,969.43	10,213.26	13,512.33		1,597.50		
200	BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB	13,499.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,499.00		596.00		
400	CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT CO.	11,348.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,348.00		716.00		
312	CHASE MANHATTAN CORP	0.00	16,086.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,086.00		447.84		
200	CHEVRON CORP	3,170.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,170.66		400.00		
400	DOMINION RESOURCES INC VA	17,198.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,198.00		1,032.00		
300	DUPONT (E.I.) DENEMOURS & CO	4,214.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,214.32		639.00		
200	EMERSON ELECTRIC	12,349.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,349.00		392.00		
675	ENGLEHARD CORP	10,536.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,536.00		263.25		
400	OENERAL ELECTRIC CO	5,954.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,954.05		696.00		
100	HEWLETT PACKARD CO	0.00	7,399.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,399.50		60.00		
350	INGERSOLL RAND CO	0.00	14,479.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,479.50		259.00		
250	INTEL	0.00	15,468.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,468.75		30.00		
400	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	9,674.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,674.50		274.00		
400	LILLY ELI & CO	11,566.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,566.82		540.00		
300	MELLON BANK CORP	10,924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,924.00		660.00		
0	MINNESOTA MINING & MAN.	11,721.88	0.00	0.00	45,402.48	33,680.60	0.00		0.00		
200	MORGAN J P & CO INC	12,024.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,024.00		624.00		
100	MOTOTOLA INC.	6,262.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,262.00		40.00		

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1996

MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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600	PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	5,408.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,408.20		960.00		
200	SCHERING PLOUGH CORP	5,462.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,462.00		240.00		
100	SCHLUMBERGER LTD	5,674.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,674.50		150.00		
200	US WEST INC MEDIA GROUP	0.00	3,505.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,505.38		0.00		
200	US WEST INC MEDIA GROUP	0.00	5,218.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,218.62		321.00		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT	801.84	126,366.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	127,168.09		977.47		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS OF COMMON FUND		493,148.33	188,524.00	0.00	87,371.91	43,925.11	638,225.53		22,844.45		
CEMETERY LOTS											
13,000	US TREAS NOTES 6.75% 02/28/97	12,815.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,815.16		877.50		
13,000	US TREAS NOTES 7.75% 12/31/99	13,048.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,048.75		503.75		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT	1,121.19	810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,931.19		540.53		
	SUBTOTALS	26,985.10	810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,795.10		1,921.78		
BERTHA ROGERS FUND											
0	US TREASURY NOTES 5.875% 5/31/96	139,978.13	0.00	0.00	140,000.00	21.87	(0.00)		8,225.00		
140,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.375% 5/15/99	0.00	140,086.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	140,086.88		(388.91)		
40,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 2/15/99	30,958.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,958.40		0.00		
14,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 2/15/01	8,899.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,899.80		0.00		
40,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 2/15/02	25,464.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,464.40		0.00		
40,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 2/15/04	22,104.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,104.80		0.00		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT	129.05	0.00	0.00	86.88	0.00	42.17		271.30		
	SUBTOTALS	227,534.58	140,086.88	0.00	140,086.88	21.87	227,556.45		8,107.39		

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1996

MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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SOUHEGAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND											
97,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 5/15/99	0.00	80,705.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	80,705.94		0.00		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT	51,401.47	30,000.00	0.00	80,705.94	0.00	695.53		2,506.09		
	SUBTOTALS	51,401.47	110,705.94	0.00	80,705.94	0.00	81,401.47		2,506.09		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS		799,069.48	440,126.82	0.00	308,164.73	43,946.98	974,978.55		35,379.71		
COMMON INCOME INVESTMENTS:											
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 11/15/2002	16,456.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,456.50		0.00		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 2/15/2003	16,090.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,090.50		0.00		
35,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 11/15/2004	9,639.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,639.00		0.00		
200	BELL ATLANTIC	7,444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,444.00		564.00		
100	PACIFIC TELESIS	1,831.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,831.92		218.00		
200	SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICES	4,129.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,129.58		440.00		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT	36,271.16	0.00	0.00	9,197.71	0.00	27,073.45		1,178.38		
	SUBTOTALS	91,862.66	0.00	0.00	9,197.71	0.00	82,664.95		2,400.38		
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND											
25,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 5/15/98	12,286.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,286.75		0.00		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 2/15/99	22,995.00	0.00	0.00	40,167.50	17,172.50	0.00		0.00		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 0% 8/15/2000	20,111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,111.00		0.00		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT	8,062.80	0.00	0.00	5,634.08	0.00	2,428.72		198.42		
	SUBTOTALS	63,455.55	0.00	0.00	45,801.58	17,172.50	34,826.47		198.42		

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1996

MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

# SHS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT		BALANCE BEG YEAR	PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR		BALANCE BEG YEAR	INCOME RECEIVED	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR
CEMETERY LOTS													
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT		7,802.63	1,921.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,724.41			0.00		
		SUBTOTALS	7,802.63	1,921.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,724.41			0.00		
BERTHA ROGERS													
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT		3,493.24	6,777.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,270.48			0.00		
		SUBTOTALS	3,493.24	6,777.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,270.48			0.00		
SOUHEGAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND													
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOVT		1,104.41	2,287.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,392.28			0.00		
		SUBTOTALS	1,104.41	2,287.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,392.28			0.00		
TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS			167,718.49	10,986.89	0.00	54,999.29	17,172.50	140,878.59			2,598.80		
									INCOME CAPITAL GAINS		17,172.50		
TOTAL OF FUNDS (PRINCIPAL AND INCOME)			966,787.97	451,113.71	0.00	363,164.02	61,119.48	1,115,857.14		167,718.49	55,151.01	81,990.91	140,878.59

Name of Bank - Fleet Bank-NH
Fees Paid $ 5,697.37
Expenses Paid $ 0.00
Were these fees and expenses paid for totally from income? Yes X

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
FROM JULY 1, 1995 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1996

NAME OF FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	FUNDS ADDED	INCOME YTD	FUNDS EXPENDED	ENDING BALANCE
FIRE TRUCK FUND	10,028.07	50,000.00	2,374.52	0.00	62,402.59
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	18,844.01	16,125.00	965.32	10,625.00	25,309.33
HIGHWAY VEHICLE FUND	52,959.13	20,000.00	2,892.53	0.00	75,851.66
GRADER FUND	101,901.02	0.00	4,044.78	0.00	105,945.80
RESCUE SQUAD FUND	14,436.41	20,000.00	1,363.48	0.00	35,799.89
CEMETERY FUND	20,456.13	22,412.47	810.30	22,453.20	21,225.70
BRIDGE FUND	113,906.11	33,239.45	3,063.48	70,125.00	80,084.04
ZONING VEHICLE FUND	1,644.46	0.00	65.28	0.00	1,709.74
RECREATION FUND	1,241.81	0.00	49.29	0.00	1,291.10
LADDER TRUCK FUND	103,813.35	50,000.00	6,096.79	0.00	159,910.14
AMBULANCE FUND	41,525.17	0.00	1,648.25	0.00	43,173.42
SALT BARN FUND	25,467.67	25,000.00	1,998.90	0.00	52,466.57
TOTALS	506,223.34	236,776.92	25,372.92	103,203.20	665,169.98

TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF AMHERST ON JUNE 30, 1996

MS-9 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL NEW FUNDS CREATED	PRINCIPAL GAINS OR (LOSSES) SALE OF SECURITIES	PRINCIPAL BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	INCOME INCOME DURING YEAR AMOUNT	INCOME EXPENSES DURING YEAR	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME BALANCE END OF YEAR
	COMMON TRUST FUNDS:											
1927	EMMA L. CLARK	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	2,539.15	0.00	226.16	2,765.31	188.69	219.42	21.36	188.69	198.06
1945	JAMES DAY	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	30,377.22	0.00	2,705.72	33,082.94	2,257.40	2,625.07	255.57	2,257.40	2,369.50
1923	FANNIE PARSONS FRENCH	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	5,062.55	0.00	450.93	5,513.48	376.21	437.48	42.59	376.21	394.89
1902	GEORGE W. GEORGE	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	2,537.34	0.00	226.00	2,763.34	188.55	219.27	21.35	188.55	197.92
1928	EDMUND M. PARKER	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	5,062.55	0.00	450.93	5,513.48	376.21	437.48	42.59	376.21	394.89
1957	ANNA H. BOARDMAN	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	8,342.84	0.00	743.10	9,085.94	619.98	720.95	70.19	619.98	650.76
1985	J. CARL SMITH	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	239.08	0.00	21.30	260.38	17.77	20.66	2.01	17.77	18.65
1985	H. SPAULDING	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	924.62	0.00	82.36	1,006.98	68.71	79.90	7.78	68.71	72.12
1985	LAURA & JAMES WANLESS	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	1,276.73	0.00	113.72	1,390.45	94.88	110.33	10.74	94.88	99.59
1988	HERBERT BOUTELLE	LIBRARY	COM. TRUST	1,197.19	0.00	106.63	1,303.82	88.97	103.46	10.07	88.97	93.39
1942	DAVID E. FISK	HIGHWAY	COM. TRUST	7,594.64	0.00	676.46	8,271.10	1,711.01	656.30	63.90	0.30	2,303.41
1867	AARON LAWRENCE	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	7,594.64	0.00	676.46	8,271.10	1,711.01	656.30	63.90	0.30	2,303.41
1867	SARAH L. LAWRENCE	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	2,537.33	0.00	226.00	2,763.33	571.65	219.27	21.35	0.00	769.57
1894	ISAAC SPALDING	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	44,927.04	0.00	4,001.69	48,928.73	10,121.73	3,882.40	377.98	0.00	13,626.15
1964	BRADFORD-LONG-MILES SULLIVAN SCHOLARSH	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	49,421.00	1,012.09	4,401.97	54,835.06	4,881.01	4,270.75	415.79	3,512.09	5,223.88
1976	EDWARD A. CONTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	34,652.34	0.00	3,086.51	37,738.85	7,982.08	2,994.51	291.54	2,000.00	8,685.05
VAR.	JOSEPHINE HARE MEMORIAL	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	1,693.58	0.00	150.85	1,844.43	381.55	146.35	14.25	0.00	513.65
1996	RICHARD W. MERRILL SCHOLARSHIP	SCHOOL	COM. TRUST	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1932	GEORGE W. PUTNAM	CEMETERY	COM. TRUST	5,062.55	0.00	450.93	5,513.48	7,045.81	437.48	42.59	0.00	7,440.70
1938	ALICE M. WILKINS	CEMETERY	COM. TRUST	10,124.01	0.00	901.75	11,025.76	13,927.33	874.87	85.18	0.00	14,717.02
VAR.	OTHER	CEMETERY	COM. TRUST	27,268.20	0.00	2,428.80	29,697.00	37,489.64	2,356.40	229.42	0.00	39,616.62
VAR.	PERPETUAL CARE	CEMETERY	COM. TRUST	244,713.72	140.00	21,796.84	266,650.56	65,218.02	21,147.10	2,058.85	66,504.08	17,802.19
			SUB TOTAL	493,148.33	101,152.09	43,925.11	638,225.53	155,318.21	42,615.75	4,149.00	76,293.54	117,491.42
1987	CEMETERY LOTS	MAINTENANCE	MONEY MKT.	26,985.10	810.00	0.00	27,795.10	7,802.63	1,921.78	0.00	0.00	9,724.41
1993	BERTHA ROGERS FUND		MONEY MKT.	227,534.58	0.00	21.87	227,556.45	3,493.24	8,107.39	1,330.15	0.00	10,270.48
1994	SOUHEGAN SCHOOL BLDG. FUND		MONEY MKT.	51,401.47	30,000.00	0.00	81,401.47	1,104.41	2,506.09	218.22	0.00	3,392.28
			TOTAL	799,069.48	131,962.09	43,946.98	974,978.55	167,718.49	55,151.01	5,697.37	76,293.54	140,878.59

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen look back upon 1996 with satisfaction at having completed a number of major projects:

Police - Rescue Building Addition

A major addition to the Police-Rescue Building was completed, more than doubling the size of the facility. Enhancements to the structure included additional offices, cells, holding areas, sally port, and increased energy efficiency through new windows and insulation.

Bragdon Farm Land Sold

As part of the proposal for the purchase of the Bragdon Farm in 1995, the Selectmen included the sale of some land, and the original farmhouse. Eleven acres of land on the Bedford portion of the farm were sold to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire for $65,000 (a little more than was originally anticipated). The old farmhouse and a two acre house lot were sold for $35,000 (a little less than anticipated).

Extension of Water Line

The Town Meeting approved a proposal to extend the Pennichuck Water Works line along Amherst Street to the Police/Fire/Rescue Complex. The project was completed in November, 1996.

Abatements

With the new Town Revaluation in 1994, and the continuous updating of assessment information by the Town Assessor, the Selectmen successfully defended many of the abatement requests which were taken to the Board of Tax and Land Appeal. The volume of abatement requests has declined dramatically, as the effects of the Town Revaluation were felt. The Selectmen feel that assessments across the Town are generally fair. Our current assessments are 98% of market value as estimated by the State of New Hampshire, meaning that our assessments truly approximate the current value of properties.

TRASURER'S COUPON AND NOTE REGISTER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
POLICE/RESCUE FACILITY BOND

PERIOD ENDING	COUPON RATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	DATE PAID
2/15/97			11703.13	11703.13	
8/15/97	5.625	35000.00	9843.75	44843.75	
2/15/98			8859.38	8859.38	
8/15/98	5.625	35000.00	8859.38	43859.38	
2/15/99			7875.00	7875.00	
8/15/99	5.625	35000.00	7875.00	42875.00	
2/15/00			6890.63	6890.63	
8/15/00	5.625	35000.00	6890.63	41890.63	
2/15/01			5906.25	5906.25	
8/15/01	5.625	35000.00	5906.25	40906.25	
2/15/02			4921.88	4921.88	
8/15/02	5.625	35000.00	4921.88	39921.88	
2/15/03			3937.50	3937.50	
8/15/03	5.625	35000.00	3937.50	38937.50	
2/15/04			2953.13	2953.13	
8/15/04	5.625	35000.00	2953.13	37953.13	
2/15/05			1968.75	1968.75	
8/15/05	5.625	35000.00	1968.75	36968.75	
2/15/06			984.38	984.38	
8/15/06	5.625	35000.00	984.38	35984.38	
Total		**350000.00**	**110140.68**	**460140.68**	

LONG TERM NOTE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BRAGDON FARM PURCHASE

DATE ISSUED	PRINCIPAL	INITIAL INTEREST
6/28/96	$235,000.00	5.25%

60 Monthly payments due in the amount of $4,461.71
Interest Rate subject to change every 12 months

* The principal amount has been reduced due to the sale of the Bragdon Farm land in Bedford, NH for $65,000.00.

TRASURER'S COUPON AND NOTE REGISTER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
LIBRARY BOND

PERIOD ENDING	COUPON RATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	DATE PAID
2/15/87	8.000	45000.00	45778.53	90778.53	2/13/87
8/15/87	8.000		34183.12	34183.12	8/13/87
2/15/88	8.000	45000.00	34183.12	79183.12	2/13/88
8/15/88	8.000		32383.12	32383.12	8/13/88
2/15/89	8.000	45000.00	32383.12	77383.12	2/13/89
8/15/89	8.000		30583.12	30583.12	8/13/89
2/15/90	8.000	45000.00	30583.12	75583.12	2/13/90
8/15/90	8.000		28783.12	28783.12	8/13/90
2/15/91	8.000	45000.00	28783.12	73783.12	2/13/91
8/15/91	8.000		26983.12	26983.12	8/13/91
2/15/92	8.000	45000.00	26983.12	71983.12	2/13/92
8/15/92	8.000		25183.12	25183.12	8/13/92
2/15/93	8.000	45000.00	25183.12	70183.12	2/13/93
8/15/93	8.000		23383.12	23383.12	8/13/93
2/15/94	8.000	45000.00	23383.12	68383.12	2/13/94
8/15/94	8.000		21583.12	21583.12	8/13/94
2/15/95	8.000	45000.00	21583.12	66583.12	2/13/95
8/15/95	8.000		19783.12	19783.12	8/13/95
2/15/96	8.000	45000.00	19783.12	64783.12	2/13/96
8/15/96	8.000		17983.12	17983.12	8/13/96
2/15/97	7.950	45000.00	17983.12	62983.12	
8/15/97	7.950		16194.37	16194.37	
2/15/98	7.750	45000.00	16194.37	61194.37	
8/15/98	7.750		14450.62	14450.62	
2/15/99	7.800	45000.00	14450.62	59450.62	
8/15/99	7.800		12695.62	12695.62	
2/15/00	7.900	45000.00	12695.62	57695.62	
8/15/00	7.900		10918.12	10918.12	
2/15/01	8.000	45000.00	10918.12	55918.12	
8/15/01	8.000		9118.12	9118.12	
2/15/02	8.050	45000.00	9118.12	54118.12	
8/15/02	8.050		7306.87	7306.87	
2/15/03	8.100	45000.00	7306.87	52306.87	
8/15/03	8.100		5484.37	5484.37	
2/15/04	8.125	45000.00	5484.37	50484.37	
8/15/04	8.125		3656.25	3656.25	
2/15/05	8.125	45000.00	3656.25	48656.25	
8/15/05	8.125		1828.12	1828.12	
2/15/06	8.125	45000.00	1828.12	46828.12	
Total		**900000.00**	**730745.85**	**1630745.85**	

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
STATISTICS FOR FY 1995-1996

CIRCULATION

Adult Fiction	28,488
Adult Nonfiction	23,996
Young Adult Fiction	2,999
Juvenile Books	45,103
Magazines	7,411
Art Prints	1
Puzzles & Games	851
Audio Recordings	7,043
Inter-Library Loans (From)	963
Videos	11,134
TOTAL	**128,174**

PATRONS REGISTERED	8,745
PATRONS AVG.WEEKLY ATTNCE.	2,200

AUTOMATED SEARCH STATISTICS

CD-ROM Searches	269/month
Staff Searches of Online Database	81/month
TOTAL	**350/month**

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

BOOKS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Total Volumes Owned 6/30/96	36,800	16,820	53,620
Volumes Added 7/95-6/96	2,889	1,174	4,063
Volumes Discarded 7/95-6/96	956	193	1,149
(Volumes Added As Gifts)	(648)	(400)	(1,048)
Recordings - Audio			2,021
Recordings - Video			769
Magazine Subscriptions			139
Newspapers			
Sunday Papers			5
Weeklies			3
Dailies			7
Film Strips			36

Online Subscriptions:
- DIALOG Information Services
- OCLC First Search Databases
- Internet

Cooperative Memberships:
- GMILCS, Inc.
- Hillstown Library Cooperative

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Preschool Storytime Sessions	158
Toddler Programs	5
School Visits (At Library)	31
Librarian Visits to Schools	31
Other Children's Programs	26
Summer Reading Program - 215 Children enrolled Read 3,783 Books	
Adult Programs	4
Museum Visits	257
Displays and Exhibits	25

POPULATION AS COMPILED BY THE TOWN'S CENSUS

1960	2,051	1970	4,893	1980	9,476	1990	10,441
1961	2,182	1971	5,397	1981	9,395	1991	10,481
1962	2,240	1972	5,978	1982	9,051	1992	10,532
1963	2,350	1973	6,632	1983	9,579	1993	10,600
1964	2,625	1974	7,009	1984	9,746	1994	10,829
1965	2,761	1975	7,055	1985	10,131	1995	11,090
1966	3,064	1976	7,690	1986	10,149	1996	11,200
1967	3,377	1977	8,400	1987	10,171		
1968	3,799	1978	8,877	1988	10,029		
1969	4,397	1979	9,220	1989	10,141		

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNT	COPY MACHINE ACCOUNT	FINES ACCOUNT	GIFT ACCOUNT	ROSALIE NORRIS ACCOUNT	TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT	TOTAL
BALANCE: JUNE 30, 1995							
First NH Bank		4,548.37	2,617.97	10,438.76	2,340.77	4,492.91	24,438.78
Granite Bank C.D.				16,303.65	30,000.00		46,303.65
Milford Co-Op Bank C.D.		1,188.80		19,192.78			20,381.58
Primary Bank C.D.				6,500.00			6,500.00
TOTAL BALANCE:		**5,737.17**	**2,617.97**	**52,435.19**	**32,340.77**	**4,492.91**	**97,624.01**
RECEIVED: (7/1/95-6/30/96)							
Town Appropriation	293,250.00						293,250.00
Current Gifts				41,515.08			41,515.08
Library Fees			1,405.00				1,405.00
Interest & Dividends		116.83	100.01	2,548.30	2,057.91	26.18	4,849.23
Fines Assessed			11,186.31				11,186.31
Copy Machine Fees		4,498.24					4,498.24
TOTAL RECEIVED:	**293,250.00**	**4,615.07**	**12,691.32**	**44,063.38**	**2,057.91**	**26.18**	**356,703.86**
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	**293,250.00**	**10,352.24**	**15,309.29**	**96,498.57**	**34,398.68**	**4,519.09**	**454,327.87**
EXPENDITURES:							
Salaries & Wages	227,346.48						227,346.48
Bookkeeper	1,756.00						1,756.00
Custodian	10,380.00						10,380.00
Books	29,303.01	1,824.26	9,166.34	4,768.06	2,276.54		47,338.21
Audio Visuals	1,667.43	1,332.80	813.21	1,569.36			5,382.80
Magazines & Fiche	3,495.80		12.00				3,507.80
Technology (Materials)	2,049.42		2,567.81	125.00			4,742.23
Telephone	3,218.89						3,218.89
Building & Grounds	2,649.53			930.30			3,579.83
Service	617.75	465.22					1,082.97
Dues	260.00			260.00			520.00
Travel & Meetings	969.89						969.89
Education	268.00						268.00

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNT	COPY MACHINE ACCOUNT	FINES ACCOUNT	GIFT ACCOUNT	ROSALIE NORRIS ACCOUNT	TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES: (Cont'd)							
Supplies & Postage	3,446.72	1,161.26		435.97			5,043.95
Bindery	312.60						312.60
Computer	4,799.82			1,075.00		3,510.27	9,385.09
Cooperative Services	150.00						150.00
Programming	189.43			1,043.26			1,232.69
Contingency	0.00			305.53			305.53
Fund Raising							0.00
Capital Improvement		2,210.00		5,765.34			7,975.34
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**292,880.77**	**6,993.54**	**12,559.36**	**16,277.82**	**2,276.54**	**3,510.27**	**334,498.30**
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1996							
First NH Bank		3,358.70	2,749.93	14,325.02	2,122.14	1,008.82	23,564.61
Granite Bank C.D.				13,420.98	30,000.00		43,420.98
Milford Co-Op Bank				19,974.75			19,974.75
Primary Bank C.D.				7,500.00			7,500.00
First NH Bank C.D.				25,000.00			25,000.00
TOTAL BALANCE:	**0.00**	**3,358.70**	**2,749.93**	**80,220.75**	**32,122.14**	**1,008.82**	**119,460.34**

CHUCK BACON CONSERVATION GIFT FUND

For Year Ending June 30, 1996		
BALANCE:	7/1/95	2,666.92
RECEIPTS		
(Interest)	7/1/95-6/30/96	69.54
EXPENDITURES:	7/1/95-6/30/96	0.00
BALANCE:	6/30/96	2,736.46

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

In June, the Amherst Library established a presence on the Internet with a homepage (www.amherst.lib.nh.us). From this homepage, people with access to the Internet, can get information about the Library and the Town Hall, access an on-line index to locate magazine articles (contact the Library to get a password to use this service), link to other library resources in the state with Internet homepages, and send electronic mail to the Library (library.amherst.lib.nh.us). In the near future you will be able to access the electronic catalogs of Amherst and other libraries belonging to the Greater Manchester Library Consortium.

The Library has also begun to offer training in how to use the computer to access information, and has two personal computers available for patrons to access the Internet to do their own research or just to "surf the net". Some of the people taking these classes have not used a personal computer before, so do not let lack of experience keep you from learning about and using this new means of getting information. The computer technology that allows the Library to provide this electronic access has been made possible by grants from the Norwin and Elizabeth Bean Foundation. The Friends of the Library also gave an Apple Computer so that children can access the electronic catalog of books in the Children's Library, material on CD-ROMS and in the rest of the library .

Traditional programs have continued undiminished by the addition of new technology. This past year our Children's Programs included the summer reading program with a western theme - "Saddle up with a good book", a talk by Dave Salvas on the Olympic Torch Run, an origami workshop, folk and cowboy songs, and story telling by an author from South Africa.

Our adult programs featured the first annual Anna Boardman concert performed by the Creative Arts Quartet, an Internet Swap Meet, the annual Poetry Slam, and a series of four investment classes.

The Library has been very fortunate to be able to continue to add to our collection of quality books, periodicals, audio and video materials despite an inflation rate among these materials that exceeds the average inflation rate. This is due in large part to the donations of money and materials as well as time by many volunteers. Some of this years donations include a gift in memory of Robert E. O'Neil by his daughter Marion O'Neil of the complete set of Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies and Armies in the War of the Rebellion, large print books by the Lions Club, mystery books by the A. Thompson Warner fund, books on gardening by Amherst Gardeners, books on antiques by the Nipmug Chapter of

Questors, spoken word tapes by the Amherst Junior Women Club, spoken word cassettes by the Friends of the Library, and numerous individual gifts in memorium or in celebration of births.

In addition many hours of volunteer work have been given to the Library by organizations such as the Amherst Gardeners who plant and maintain the gardens and shrubs, the Friends of the Library for interior decorating, and individuals who help with mending and processing books, assisting patrons, lending expertise regarding the Internet and computers. The Trustees want to especially recognize the leadership of the Library Director, Mary Ann List, and the dedication of the professional staff and the pages for providing outstanding service to Amherst.

RECYCLING EDUCATION REPORT

No Time to Waste ... Recycling is an important way to save our precious resources, cut pollution and energy, create jobs, and it takes only one minute. It may be the most popular multi-ethnic, multi-national and multi-class movement of all times. Recycling is not federally funded or mandated, it's *grass roots.* We make it happen by buying *Recycled, Reducing, Reusing and Realizing the Long Term* (as opposed to the short term) so that markets can stablize. We Americans buy more 'stuff' than anyone on the planet. When we throw something away it disappears from our house or office, but not from the earth. We have to be more concerned about the products we buy and dispose of (cradle to grave). Recycling is a permanent part of our democratic landscape. Involve the whole family, it's easy, rewarding and good.

Recycling Highlights '96
The Amherst Transfer Station went through an extensive 'Beautification Program' during the summer. Major cleanup of the recycling area; tidied up the compost and wood piles; spring bulbs were planted on the hillside. More will be coming in the way of tree and shrub plantings; painting the small buildings, new signs, etc. The Selectmen organized a week's campaign to check Resident Dump Permits (stickers). Many failed to place these permits on their cars and trucks. *Permits are required and available at the Town Hall.* New weight scales are in place to handle painted and treated wood (which can no longer be burned) shingles-roofing and building materials. A fee is charged to offset the cost of disposal.

Eco-News
A monthly column in the 'Milford Cabinet' concerning a variety of environmental responsibilities. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Earth Day '96
A successful Town-wide litter pickup was launched at the Meeting Place. Volunteers are most needed in planning this annual event in April.

Amherst-Milford Backyard Compost Tour
This is the third year this tour has been held on a Saturday in June. Dedicated local composters invite the public to view their styles of composting from the simple to the sophisticated. Maps, videos and handouts, on how to start a composting area at your home are all available for your education. Look for date and time in the local newspapers.

Environmental Education Booth - Town Green July 4th
In our seventh year of displaying and distributing educational information on composting, water conservation, precycling, hazardous waste, non-toxic cleaning choices, environmental shopping and recycling guides. Please stop by, we're happy to help.

Recycling Guides
Available at the Town Hall and Town Library. Please use these guides to properly dispose of your recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections
A new permanent site has been built at the Nashua Public Works Garage, Riverside Street, off Route 3 West. This facility was open the first Saturday of August, September, October & November - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. *Please watch the bulletin board at the Transfer Station for dates and times.* Dates for 1997 collection: April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Recycling
Amherst recycling efforts stands about 22%. The NH State goal is 40% by the year 2000. The Souhegan High School Recycling Team has instituted a mixed paper collection at the school. This will save them tons of paper headed for the trash. They are also getting paid for this paper collection.

Thank You To ...
Amherst Selectmen, Public Works Director and the citizens of Amherst who have helped in our recycling program.

AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

One of the major goals of the Department was accomplished this year when the voters approved an addition/renovation project to the Police/Rescue facility. As the year came to an end, final tasks were still being completed on the building, however, the new facility was being utilized to its fullest. The improved facility will allow us to serve the Town in a more efficient, caring manner, while at the same time provide greater safety for all who come to the building. The Department is thankful for the support of the townspeople in accomplishing this major task.

Arriving at a state of the art facility did not come without drawbacks as the construction process disrupted normal business for six months of a year that was the busiest in Department history. Calls for service increased by 4 percent, reaching an all time high. Overall, crime increased by 25 percent, with much of that increase being in the fraud/forgery category. In addition, after a one year dramatic drop in burglaries, the number increased back to the level of previous years. This is an area that the Department will focus on in the coming year in an attempt to reduce crime.

In reviewing other statistics, arrests declined by 7 percent, with DWI arrests down and drug arrests rising. There was also a substantial drop in the number of juveniles detained in 1996. This is now a two-year trend, with a decline of nearly 50 percent over the two years. Motor vehicle accidents, however, reached a four year high, increasing 23 percent over 1995. This is another area the Department will look to improve in the coming year.

The Department strives to provide the Town the best possible service and protection. This can only be accomplished with the support of those we are sworn to serve. The Town has always been supportive of the Department, as was again demonstrated by the approval of the building project. The Department, however, relies on the support of the citizens in another way, that is by being proactive in the reporting of suspicious or unusual activity. This support enables us to control criminal activity in a cost efficient manner through prevention, rather than the more time consuming, reactive approach of investigating past crimes. We strongly encourage you to report *any and all* suspicious activity when you see it. Together, we can maintain the current quality of life in Amherst.

As always, our goal is to improve upon the level of service we offer and we welcome your comments and suggestions to assist us in meeting that goal.

SUMMARY OF POLICE ACTIVITY

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Miles of Patrol	202,213	211,241	219,285	218,925
Accidents	274	248	252	310
Arrests	287	378	580	543
DWI	54	73	104	79
Drug Related	7	57	75	98
Juvenile Detentions	107	141	108	76
Arson	1	6	3	5
Assaults	73	65	58	59
Burglary	37	39	25	43
Criminal Mischief	111	179	129	163
Criminal Threatening	15	11	8	11
Criminal Trespass	29	20	22	36
Fraud/Forgery	211	160	154	239
Stolen Motor Vehicle	4	9	9	10
Thefts	185	186	204	201
Alarms	631	729	652	694
Assist Motorists	365	406	405	404
Disturbances	111	171	133	172
Dog Complaints	531	424	373	391
Missing Persons	34	43	38	51
M.V. Complaints	235	305	272	286
Open Doors	276	310	241	303
Pistol Permits	135	152	111	55
Untimely Deaths	7	6	5	1
Summons/Warnings	10,726	13,437	14,653	14,814
Total Crimes	735	780	769	963
Total Reports	6,888	7,562	7,435	7,732

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The objective of the Amherst Fire Department is to protect/preserve individuals and property from and during such fires as may occur in the Town of Amherst and vicinity. The Amherst Fire Department's activities, however, are not limited to extinguishing fires. The AFD also deals with carbon monoxide, hazardous materials, oil spills, vehicle accidents and suspicious odor situations, just to name a few.

The Amherst Fire Department is managed by the three Fire Wards. The AFD is made up of approximately 50 paid on-call members, which operate ten pieces of apparatus housed at both the Central Station on Amherst Street and the South Station on Stearns Road. The Department's members are divided into four engine companies, each with two Company Officers.

The Central Station houses Amherst Fire Department's Business Office. This is the location for obtaining burn permits, oil and propane installation permits, blasting permits, tank removal permits, etc. All fire prevention planning and inspection coordination also takes place at Central Station. The Business office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. AFD's telephone number remains 673-1545. Please note that this is a non-emergency number. In case of emergency, dial 673-3131 or 911.

In fiscal year 1995-1996, the Amherst Fire Department responded 319 times. Of these 319 responses, 219 were toned calls and 100 were service calls. The breakdown is as follows:

Alarm Activation	88	Misc. - Fire	8	Smoke in Bldg.	9
Assist 1A1	5	Misc. - Non-Fire	24	Structure Fires	2
Brush Fire/Pile	9	Mutual Aid Out	42	Suspicious Odor	9
Chimney Fire	11	Oil Burner	8	Tree on Wires	8
Carbon Monoxide	21	Oil Spill	1	Vehicle Accident	17
Good Intent	1	Permit Burn	11	Vehicle Fire	7
Illegal Burn	13	Propane Related	7	Water Problem	3
Illegal Dumping	1	Smoke Check	14		

Apparatus responses to the above listed situations were as follows:

Engine 1 - 113 Runs	Utility 1 - 24 Runs
Engine 2 - 54 Runs	Tanker 1 - 50 Runs
Engine 3 - 111 Runs	Tanker 2 - 17 Runs
Engine 4 - 34 Runs	Ladder 1 - 81 Runs
Engine 5 - 122 Runs	Rescue 1 - 8 Runs

The Amherst Fire Department is responsible for enforcing State Fire Codes and Town Fire Safety Ordinances. These duties are completed through inspection and review activities of several Department members. In 1996, the following inspection and/or review activities occurred:

Propane	137	Foster Home	6
Oil Burner Equip.	68	Place of Assembly	36
Underground Tank Removal	14		

Other inspection activities included, but were not limited to, chimney and wood stove inspections, new site plan reviews, building permit plan reviews, and public and private fire prevention visits.

1st Assistant Chief Thomas P. Grella coordinated yet another successful Fire Prevention Week (October 6-12, 1996). With the aid of many AFD members, all Amherst schools were visited, fire trucks displayed, literature distributed, and fire safety/prevention presentations were delivered. In addition, the Amherst Fire Department conducted similar activities at the local day care centers.

We are please to report that the new ladder truck approved at the 1996 Town Meeting is scheduled to arrive at Central Station in February of 1997.

The Amherst Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Amherst and surrounding towns for their continued support. We wish everyone a happy and safe upcoming year.

RESCUE SQUAD

The past year has been an interesting as well as busy time for the Amherst Rescue Squad. Emergency medical calls were about the same as 1995 (475). As the interior of the Squad's quarters took on a new appearance, so too did the management of the Squad. The Selectmen asked Garry Cowenhoven and Marcia Houck, two former chiefs to join the present chief, Scott Smith, to form a management team. One of their charges was to assess the existing administrative structure of the Squad and make recommendations. Upon the recommendations made by the team, the Selectmen appointed a chief who will be a Town department head with sole authority for running the Squad and answer only to the Board of Selectmen.

In addition to providing emergency medical services for Amherst and Mont Vernon, the Amherst Rescue Squad supplies additional hours of community service for such events as standbys at athletic events, parades, demonstrations, road races, blood pressure clinics, and CPR courses. The Squad is always in need of additional personnel, especially daytime. Anyone interested in joining the Amherst Rescue Squad is encouraged to contact any of our members for information regarding membership. We are also looking for townspeople who are at least 18 years of age and live in close proximity of the Police/Rescue Facility to be daytime drivers (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). No medical training is required as a driver.

The Boy Scouts of America Post 2941 has continued to attract active members between the ages of 15 and 21, and remains involved in community service projects. The Post is supervised by Jean Miller. Teens are encouraged to become involved.

It is through the continued community support that we are able to provide quality, up-to-date medical and rescue services in the event of sudden illness or injury. Your generous donations continue to help augment the operating budget that is passed.

Membership this past year numbers 47, which includes 8 BSA Explores, 15 EMT-Intermediates that are able to do IV therapy and administer certain drugs and 2 paramedics.

The Squad would like to thank those who voted at Town Meeting last year in favor of the Police/Rescue Building expansion. We are enjoying our newly renovated quarters.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & ROAD COMMISSIONERS

This report is a condensed outline of the paving and rebuilding programs of the Highway Department for fiscal 1997-1998. These projects are done in addition to our regular maintenance of the Town roads, cemeteries, parks and playgrounds and Town buildings.

1. Highway Block Grant: The State subsidizes this program one hundred percent and will include work on portions of the following roads: Cricket Corner Road, Upham Road, Old Nashua Road, Amherst Street and some streets in the Village.

2. Road Improvement: Pettingale Road and Pine Acres.

3. Oiling: We will be paving Southfield Road and Eastern Avenue under this account.

4. Warrant Articles: $58,000 for paving of the following roads: Hickory Drive, Maple Street, Douglas Drive and Meadow Lane. We are also asking for $25,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the new salt and sand facility at the Town garage. It is anticipated that this will be the final appropriation and the building will then be built.

5. Merrimack Road and Route 122: The surveying and design have been completed and we are hoping that this project will be going out to bid sometime in the spring of 1997.

We were able to supplement our work force in 1996 with the work group from the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections - Community Services. We utilized them for our spring and fall cleanup as well as one week of brush and limb work after our December 7-8 storm. As in the past, they have proven to be excellent workers and we will continue to participate in this program in the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The year 1996 marked the retirement of Richard G. Crocker after forty years of service to the community. His endeavors through the years has touched all of our lives and his hard work and efforts are appreciated and will be remembered. It is the sincere wish of the Department that Mr. Crocker and family enjoy a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

The Department of Public Works wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen for their assistance and guidance during the past year as well as the taxpayers for their continued support and the dedicated employees of the Highway Department.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The equalization rates for the past ten years are as follows:

1987 - 60%	1990 - 63%	1993 - 73%	1996 - 96% Est.
1988 - 55%	1991 - 67%	1994 - 100% Revaluation	
1989 - 56%	1992 - 69%	1995 - 98%	

The period from 1996 - 1997 will perhaps be the busiest ever due to the increase in building permits for new construction and/or additions. During the previous time period the Town picked up over $17 million dollars in assessments. The Supreme Court has made a decision that the Telephone Company is not taxable for property tax purposes so we will start the year with about $2.5 million less in assessment before our extra value is added on for building permits.

This coming year will see a change in the Elderly Exemption Law where Social Security will now be included as part of one's income. It is expected that the Town will address this issue in a Warrant Article establishing new guidelines for income and asset limitations.

The office has been shorthanded since Michele Crowley has had to cover the Tax Collector's office during Gail Stout's absence for maternity leave. We are a little behind in our workload but are steadily gaining. With your patience and understanding we will endure.

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This past year was a very busy and productive one for the staff at Regional Planning, and among our more significant local projects of 1996 was the completion of a truck travel study through the Amherst Town Center which detailed the volume and type of vehicular traffic and provided options for local action. Perhaps our most noteworthy achievement, after many years planning and regulatory delay, was the opening of the state's first permanent facility for monthly collection of household hazardous waste.

I want to use this opportunity to offer a note of thanks and recognition to our Commissioners from Amherst: Selectman Marilyn Peterman, Martin Michaelis, Michael Lambert and Paul Wenger; and by expressing my gratitude for the cooperation and support that we have received from all of Amherst's town officials.

ZONING / PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Our office was kept busy again this year with single family home permits up 20%. However, we saw a drop in the total number of permits issued since last year. Commercial/Industrial activity was up dramatically from one new building to eleven in 1996..

Zoning Activity Report for January 1996 - December 1996

Permits Issued For:	No. Permits	Value
New Residences	112	14,810,800
Residential-Additions/Alterations	122	2,125,043
New Commercial/Industrial	11	3,115,000
Comm/Ind-Alterations/Additions	14	1,088,343
Foundations Only	7	-
Signs	15	25,952
Pools	13	96,700
Demolition	7	-
Driveways	19	-
Septic Permits	173	398,100
Electrical	30	18,730
TOTAL	**523**	**21,678,668**

Type of Inspection:	No. of Inspections
Zoning / Building	1368
Electrical	93
Violations	31
Certificate of Occupancy	117
TOTAL	**1609**

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a Board comprised of five elected members and a number of alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It is their function to review requests for relief from the strict regulations of the Ordinance of the Town of Amherst. All meetings are Public Hearings and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The following is a summary of the Cases from 1996:

Map & Lot	Case No.	Name of Applicant	Type	Zone	Decision
2-125	1062	Judith Fallon-Prete	V	RR	Granted
13-12	1063	Francis Cramer, et al	V	RR	Granted
2-65	1064	Quikava	V	C	Granted
2-28-4	1065	Bellemore Heating Oil	AMD	I	Denied
2-124	1066	James & Jane Murray	AMD	RR	Granted
2-28-4	1065	Bellemore Heating Oil	RHR	I	Granted
6-67	1067	Samir Bahou	V	RR	Granted
7-89-1	1068	Capricorn II	V	RR	Granted
2-28-4	1069	Bellemore Heating Oil	V	I	Granted
2-17	1070	Robert Bacon	V	GO	Granted
10-66-1	1071	Wal-Mart	SE	C	Denied
20-26	1072	John & Deidre Rohter	V	RR	Granted
6-57-1	1073	St.Luke's Anglican Church	V	GO	Granted
6-100	1074	David & Judith Dickstein	V	RR	Denied
2-61	1075	James Ward	SE	C	Granted
6-112-1	1076	Charles Covell	V	RR	Granted
24-60	1077	John & Jean Longa	V	RR	Granted

SE - Special Exception
V - Variance
AMD - Appeal of Administrative Decision
RHR - Rehearing

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board in 1996 reviewed a relatively small amount of new lots in subdivisions. The total number of new lots approved was forty-nine (49). This is almost the same as the 1995 number of forty-eight (48). This shows very little growth in residential development. As a percentage of existing dwellings this is 1.6%.

In 1996, the Board approved three (3) site plans for new construction in the commercial and industrial zones. This lags considerably behind the 1995 number of twelve (12). This shows that ratio of residential to commercial growth is not keeping equal. This will cost the town in lost tax dollars in the future.

Most of the residential growth in the town is till coming from subdivisions approved up to a decade ago. Preliminary information given to the Board shows that the growth in the Souhegan High School is from existing homes turning over to families with high school age children.

The Board feels that the town residential growth can be balanced financially if the commercial and industrial zones are developed at a faster rate than is presently happening. The town meeting zoning proposals this year include an amendment to the industrial zone to allow retail uses. The Board would like to see if this would stimulate additional growth in that area.

It is the Board's understanding that Route 101A is going to get upgraded traffic signals beginning in 1997 which will enhance the usability of this corridor.

During the year, the Board began a review of the Town Master Plan and will shortly update key sections. At the same time the Capital Improvement Program has received much attention and input from the school system has finally arrived.

The Planning Board will continue to explore every option for increased commercial and industrial growth in the coming year.

In closing, the members would like to thank the Zoning Administrator, Karin Elmer for her continued effort to keep things running smoothly. In addition, special thanks to Michele Crowely for diligence in minute taking. We are very happy to see Dottie Guy back working after her many hospital stays and wish her good health for 1997.

RECREATION COMMISSION

In 1996, participation in recreation programs rose dramatically and created quite a challenge for the Amherst Recreation Commission to offer a variety of programs to its many users while keeping costs in mind. This year brought the approval to develop one baseball/softball field and a soccer/lacrosse field to meet our expanding needs for practice and playing space. Youth sports programming continues to provide Amherst residents with a wide range of activities that offer physical challenges and skill building in a recreational atmosphere. Our adult programs included evening sports, Senior programs and day trips.

Volunteers again wee the backbone of implementing our programs. We want to acknowledge and thank them for all their time and efforts along with the Amherst and Mont Vernon school personnel. Local businesses offered their support through our sponsorship program and we thank them also. Most of all, thanks to our participants. We strive to serve you the best programs possible.

It is our hope that more community members will become involved in the near future. Please attend a Recreation Commission meeting or call the recreation office with your concerns. Your input is valuable and helps us to better serve the Town as its needs change.

MILFORD AREA COMMUNICATION CENTER

On January 1, 1996, the Town of Greenville became an official voting member of the Milford Area Communication Center brining the total number of towns that we provide emergency dispatching services for to six.

Our call volume continued to increase as the towns continued to grow and the agencies became busier. An estimated 50,000 to 60,000 calls were handled during 1996. These included calls requiring police, ambulance, and/or fire department response as well as public works response and informational calls (directions, road conditions, etc.).

The goal of MACC Base has been to consistently provide professional dispatching services to the agencies we serve as well as to the citizens. This is best achieved by the cooperation of all those who are a part of the Communication Center, either as an employee or a member agency, and we are continuing to work to better understand the needs of the communities.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The last half of 1996 will be remembered for its severe weather. The worst flooding in many years arrived in October, closing four roads and impeding travel on an additional eight. The high water made it extremely difficult for emergency vehicles to respond throughout the Town. Of course, after the water subsided from the October flood, winter arrived early in December with the worst snow in nearly 40 years. The unusually heavy snow severely damaged the power distribution system resulting in a loss of power for as many as four days for some areas of Town.

During the course of these events, elements of the Town's emergency response plan were implemented to help ease the difficulties experienced by our citizens and assure their safety. All Town departments played a role in responding to, and recovering from the flood and storm. The storm posed a significant risk to many residents who were without heat and water for quite some time. As soon as power was restored to the Souhegan High School on Monday, December 9th, it was opened for use as a shelter. Many residents took advantage of the showers and sanitary facilities. Some residents were relocated or sheltered, although most were either reluctant to leave their homes, or had left the area.

Severe weather can strike at any time and all residents are encouraged to plan ahead for these events. If you, or your group needs additional information concerning emergency management or personal preparedness, please contact us at 673-1545 (Amherst Central Fire Station).

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Parade Marshall:	Robert Schaumann
Clergy:	Rev. William Adams, First Baptist Church of Amherst
Readers:	Sarah Ginsburg, Liz Dube
Guests:	Veterans

Bruce A. Tarpley Scholarship presented by Kristin Tarpley to Amy Wheeler

AMS Essay Topic:	"How Will I Observe Memorial Day?"		
Essay Winners:	1st	2nd	3rd
Grade 5	Andrea Crocker		
Grade 6	Gwen Williams	Caitlin Warguska	Matt Constable
Grade 7	Ashley Strickland	Nicole Verrochi	Bailey Curro
Grade 8	Guy Lanni	Sasha Nolte	Meghan Kirkwood

Recipient of Patricia Duval/Evelyn Riccitelli Youth Award: Jessica Stitt

JULY FOURTH

The 1996 4th of July Parade was memorable for many reasons not the least of which is that in the midst of an overall rainy day across New England, Mother Nature inexplicably carved out a small niche of sunshine that provided a special glow to our parade.

For the many townspeople who are involved in the parade, the day starts quite early. People begin setting up on the Green about seven and the Town and State dignitaries - along with the bands, Fire Department and Rescue Squad arrive at Wilkins School shortly thereafter. Police Chief Gary MacGuire is always on hand to lead the parade along with the Fire Department's Honor Guard and our 1995 Citizen of the Year, Creeley "Buck" Buchanan was there to serve as Parade Marshall.

The children, too, arrive quite early for they have their bicycles judged and then join the Lioness Club Bicycle Parade. Their participation is always special and the pride their parents feel is clearly mirrored in the faces of townspeople along the way. This year the Colonel Shepard Restaurant in Milford sponsored a magnificent team of horses - The Yankee Hitch - owned by Tyke Frost of Point of View Farm in Deerfield, NH. The horses are so well trained and so beautiful that they are pretty much guaranteed to steal the show.

But, the fun of the Amherst parade is in its variety - the wonderful floats built by local families and organizations, the antique cars, the State and local politicians - both those in office and those hoping to be - the jugglers, the clowns, the puppies and horses all join together to create a mosaic of small town America as we want it to be.

Our activities on the Green began with Jim Emmond's A Cappella Singers in their stirring rendition of "Our Country Tis of Thee" and continued with words of welcome from our Governor as well as our Town dignitaries. Members of the School Board were with us as well as past "Citizens of the Year" and David Hanlon, a life-long resident of Amherst who has been a member of the Fire Department for over thirty years was honored as the 1996 Citizen of the Year.

The festivities on the Green were, like the parade, varied. We had a marvelous group of banjo players whose songs and music reminded us of American's past. We had an excellent Art Show for adults and wonderful games for children. We also had farm animals, a juggling troupe and Town organizations to provide lunch, information and a reason to linger with friends around the Green. In short, we had a true community day which filled both our Town and our hearts with sunshine.

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

The Amherst Recycling and Transfer Station of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District (SRLD) is located off of Route 101 East, just east of the Meeting Place and west of the Basket Barn. It is open to all residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hours vary from summer to winter, and are posted on the sign at the gate. Dump stickers are required in order to use the Amherst Station (the same is true for the other three towns of the SRLD). These stickers can be obtained at the Town Hall offices.

Items accepted include trash, which is transported to an incinerator, newspapers, clean corrugated cardboard (flattened), commingled containers (glass, plastic and metal) and mixed paper products (glossy magazines, cereal boxes, junk mail, paperboard cartons) which are taken to various recycling facilities. Brush and untreated scrap wood is burned at the site in the burn pile. There is an area for wood/coal stove ashes; these do not go into the trash compactors due to the risk of fire. White goods such as refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, etc. are accepted but a fee for the disposal is charged for some items. A disposal fee is also charged for automotive tires. Also collected are waste oil and clean textiles along with footwear. Hazardous materials such as oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning fluids and pesticides are not handled by the Amherst Station but are collected periodically in Nashua through a program with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Although collected at the Amherst Station, the SRLD is not responsible for the disposition of tires, batteries, white goods, brush, oil, scrap metal, etc. The costs and revenue associated with these operations accrue to each town and are not part of the SRLD budget. The disposal of demolition materials such as treated lumber, asphalt, sheet rock, etc. has become an issue over the past years and under state regulations, may not be burned or landfilled at the town's facility. These materials are now being weighed at the Amherst Station and disposed of for a fee.

The amount of leachate from the closed landfill area has now leveled off at a low amount per month and is expected to remain so for the near future. This waste needs to be hauled away for disposal by the SRLD.

The entire SRLD budget for 1997 is $654,750 up 11% from the previous year (1996 - $589,500, 1995 - $683,100) of which $294,967 (1996 - $180,658, 1995 - $270,504) will be charged to the Town of Amherst, and collected as part of the tax bill. The remainder will be assessed to and paid by the other member towns of the SRLD - Hollis, Brookline and Mont Vernon. The assessments for Capital

Spending are prorated based upon the total real estate valuation for each town, while those for the Operations Spending are prorated based upon the population of each town. Two years ago a plan was proposed to remove waste disposal costs from the tax bill and link it closely to the actual waste generated (the more you waste the more you pay, the more your recycle the less you pay). Even though the general concept of the Souhegan Green Plan had the backing of our Town, a majority of the towns in the District were not willing to pursue it at that time.

The most noteworthy development during the past year for the SRLD has been the dramatic drop in the demand for both the commingled materials and for the kinds of paper products that we have been collecting, e.g. newspapers, corrugated paper and mixed paper. This situation has resulted in significant cost increases for the disposal of both commingles and paper materials, in addition to a simultaneous loss of revenues from the sale of paper products (currently, the disposal of paper products is almost as expensive as that for unsorted household trash). It is the belief of the District that this condition is only temporary in nature. A further change for the SRLD occurred at the end of the year, when the SRLD decided to stop trucking our waste materials using our own vehicle and instead entered into a contract with D.C. Slocomb Company of Hollis to have all such services performed on a per haul basis without the need for an SRLD vehicle.

By far the largest portion of the budget of the SRLD is comprised of Operations Spending, and within Operations, the biggest costs are those for the transportation and disposal of trash. Partly due to the improving economy and the increase in population the 1994 trash tonnage for the SRLD hit an all-time high of 7360 tons of which Amherst generated 3246 tons. As the result of significant removal of demolition and building materials as well as continuing recycling efforts the trash amounts have been lower since that time (1996 - SRLD 7195 / Amherst 2868, 1995 - SRLD 5226 / Amherst 2115). In fact, the contribution of Amherst trash to that collected overall by the SRLD has continued to decline from 45% in 1991 to only 40% in 1996. The overall recycling rate for the SRLD in 1996 will be approximately 22% (21.3% in 1995) while the Amherst rate will be closer to 24% (23.2% in 1995).

Since 1995, the SRLD has been a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association and has been working with this group to help identify markets and to find the most beneficial pricing and hauling arrangements for our area residents, while at the same time remaining firmly committed to an aggressive recycling effort.

WELFARE REPORT

While the economy has continued to climb back up to the level it was several years ago, there are still a few families and single people in Town who are struggling to meet utility bills and rent or mortgage payments. Our elderly population's needs seem to differ somewhat with property taxes and home repair payments consuming their social security and savings. Our senior citizens are proud folks and this office very rarely receives requests for assistance from them.

Last year, the Amherst Junior Women's Club gave me a $1000.00 discretionary grant. Funds from this grant were used to pay for items not covered under my established welfare guidelines. After a report was given on the use of the grant, I became the recipient of $1500.00 this year. A large portion of their generous donation was used to send a child to Jack & Jill Kindergarten in September who otherwise would have missed this opportunity. Mom has reported she is an excellent student and loves school.

My heartfelt thanks to both the Amherst Juniors who worked tirelessly to raise these funds and who generously contribute to many organizations in our community and to Jack & Jill, who accepted my request for a reduced tuition. Thanks also goes to SHARE, who through their efforts, supplements our residents' needs. Our local churches also contributed much in the way of food baskets both at Thanksgiving and Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to also thank everyone associated in this effort.

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12, 1996

Voting for Town offices was held on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at Wilkins School. 1734 votes were cast. Moderator Robert Schaumann opened the polls at 7:00 a.m. and they were closed at 7:00 p.m. The business meeting was held on March 14, 1996.

Article 1.	**Election of Town Officers**	
Selectmen (1)	Richard Verrochi	1347 Votes 3 Years
Town Clerk (1)	Nancy A. Demers	1539 Votes 3 Years
Moderator (1)	Robert C. Schaumann	1448 Votes 2 Years
Board of Adjustment (2)	Alexander S. Buchanan	1300 Votes 3 Years
	Susan L. McCarthy	1328 Votes 3 Years
Trustee of Trust Funds (1)	F. Tenney Clough	1393 Votes 3 Years
Library Trustee (2)	Donald Holden	1338 Votes 3 Years
	Joan L. Jones	1353 Votes 3 Years
Supervisor of Checklist (1)	Geraldine R. Porter	1403 Votes 6 Years

Also by paper ballot that day was Article 2 and Article 3.

Article 2. (By Petition to Enact the Provisions of SB-2)
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on issues before the Town.

YES 821 NO 873

Article 3.
To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Tax Collector from a three year elected position, to a one year position appointed by the Board of Selectmen effective March 1997.

YES 788 NO 799

Article 4.
To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Amherst:

Amendment 1. (By Petition)
To see if the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire, will vote to change the zoning overlay of a piece of property with the buildings thereon Map #016 Lot #022-000, more commonly known as 3 Thornton Ferry Road I, in Amherst, New Hampshire to exclude it from the historic district.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by petitioners of the Town? (THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS A NO VOTE.)

YES 357 NO 1221

Amendment 2. (By Petition)
To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to change Lot #112-000 on Map #002 of the Tax Maps of the Town of Amherst, presently owned by Roberge Investments, LLC, c/o Al Legro, Vestmoore Management Inc., 168 South River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire and being situate on the southeast corner of the intersections of Routes 101-A and 122 from a general office zone to commercial zone.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petitioners of the Town? (THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS A NO VOTE.)

YES 309 NO 1269

Amendment 3.
To see if the Town will vote to extend the Commercial Zone to include Lot 85 on Map 2.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 976 NO 514

Amendment 4.
To see if the Town will vote to extend the Industrial Zone to encompass all of Lot 86 Map 2.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 972 NO 503

Amendment 5.
To see if the Town will vote to change article VI, Section 6-3, B.2 to read: "The members of the Board of Adjustment shall be elected at the Annual Town Meeting".

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1029 NO 473

Amendment 6.
To see if the Town will vote to enact, pursuant to RSA 674:52, the BOCA National Building Code, as recommended and maintained by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.; specifically the edition published in 1993 together with any amendments thereto, incorporate the same by reference into its local ordinances. (Penalties under RSA 676:15-17)

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1139 NO 312

Amendment 7.
To see if the Town will vote to change the following lots from Industrial to Commercial: Map 2, Lots 503, 45, 46-8, 41, 38, 35 and 35-1; Map 12, Lots 14, 12, 10 and 7.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1066 NO 385

Amendment 8.
To see if the Town will vote to extend the Commercial Zone to encompass all of Lots 42, 37, 36, and 36-1 on Map 2.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 983 NO 464

March 14, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Robert Schaumann. 246 voters were in attendance. The invocation was given by Rev. Hans Arnesen. Moderator Schaumann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman William Overholt introduced the Board of Selectmen: Richard Sherwood, Marilyn Peterman, Robert Jackson and Richard Verrochi. Town Administrator Dana Crowell introduced the Department Heads: Sharon Frydlo, Secretary; Nancy Demers, Town Clerk; William Drescher, Town Counsel; Gary MacGuire, Chief of Police; Richard E. Crocker, Fire Chief; Mary Ann List, Library Director; Karin Elmer, Zoning Administrator and Jim Doane, Recreation Director. Richard G. Crocker, Director of Public Works was not present due to illness.

Selectman Overholt advised that the Bragdon Farm had been subdivided and the last bridge to be replaced in Town, on New Boston Road, had been completed. The Library and Landfill needed less money this year and it was planned to amend the budget by $21,000.

Mr. Overholt then recognized Richard G. Crocker for all the years he has worked for the Town. Mr. Crocker plans to retire in the fall. Richard E. Crocker accepted an engraved pewter plate for his father.

Moderator Schaumann explained the rules he wanted to follow for the meeting: (1) Yellow cards would be displayed by the voter during a vote. (2) No amendment to an amendment would be accepted. (3) Speakers would be allowed three minutes. (4) No one speaks a second time until others have spoken. (5) Two microphones were set up - one in favor of a particular article and one against. (6) At the mike, the speaker would announce his name and address. (7) Should anyone move the question, those at the microphone would be allowed to speak. (8) No new business would be conducted after 10:45 p.m. unless the remaining voters so desired. (9) After each article, a motion to restrict reconsideration would be accepted.

Article 5.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, the sum of $350,000 for an addition and alterations to the current Police/Rescue Facility located at 175 Amherst Street and to authorize the issuance of not more than $350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.** (2/3rds Ballot Vote Required)

Motion was made by Selectman Richard Sherwood and seconded to adopt the article.

This was a bond article requiring a 2/3rds majority vote by secret ballot. The contract would be awarded to the low bidder in July. The addition will be completed by January, 1997. Ways & Means Committee recommended approval. Carline Wojcicki, who has resided on Amherst Street for 21 years, was concerned that water usage would decrease with the addition to this facility, but the answer was no, it would not. Resident Bill Rapf inquired if money could be added to this article to bring town water to the Police/Fire Complex. Town Counsel advised that that had not been properly warned in this article.

The polls opened at 7:53 p.m. and closed at 9:00 p.m. Moderator Schaumann announced the results shortly after. 155 "yes" votes were needed to pass this bond issue. 235 votes were cast - 206 voted "yes", 29 voted "no".

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a ladder truck for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of $314,000 to be used for the down payment and FY 96-97 lease/purchase payment or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Motion was made by Selectman Overholt and seconded to approve.

The current ladder truck is inadequate. The $314,0000 requested is the down-payment and one year's lease. $100,000 would be paid towards purchase out of the general fund for the next two to three years.

This article was passed after a short discussion.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 7.
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the fire truck and ladder truck capital reserve accounts. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Motion was made by Selectman Overholt and seconded to adopt this article. Ways & Means recommended passage.

Resident Thomas Grella asked if this could be amended to keep the capital reserve fund open, but take all the money out. Town Counsel advised that the article was not warned in that fashion, but Town Administrator Crowell said that the Department of Revenue Administration will not allow the withdrawal of money from a capital reserve for a lease/payment purchase unless it is the last payment.

This article passed with a show of hands.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 8.
To see if the Town will raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same or take action relative thereto. Said sum is exclusive of all special articles addressed separately. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Selectman Peterman moved for adoption of Article 8 and was seconded. Ways & Means recommended approval.

Selectman Overholt moved to amend the budget to reduce it by $22,175. This figure is a result of a decrease in the Library budget by $3,815 and a decrease in the Landfill budget of $18,360. With the proposed amendment, the new budget figure was voted on. The amended amount was $4,331,877. This was passed

Resident Bill Rapf moved to amend the operating budget upward by $43,000 so that Town water could be expanded to the Police/Fire Facility and requested it be added to the general Highway budget. Ways & Means requested time to discuss the amendment and returned with the opinion that they did not support it because there was no information relative to the costs involved.

After some discussion, however, the amended budget figure of $4,374,877 passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 9.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,000 for the paving of Fairway Drive, River Road, and Boston Post Road south or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Motion was made by Selectman Sherwood and seconded to adopt Article 9. This was supported by Ways & Means. Passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 10.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a scale for demolition material at the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,500 for the FY 96-97 payment or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Motion to adopt was made by Selectman Sherwood and seconded.

Article 10 passed after short discussion.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 11.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to reconstruct the Village Green intersection at the junction of Boston Post Road, Main Street and Carriage Lane or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Motion was made by Selectman Overholt to adopt and was seconded. Ways & Means recommended approval.

The question was asked if the Planning Board had reviewed the proposal and the answer was "yes". Beth Davis of the Historic District Commission recommended support of the article.

Article 11 passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

With the adoption of this article, the money issues had been completed. Voters approved $5,137,377 offset by $3,235,296 in revenue with net to be raised by taxes $1,902,081.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 12.
To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money equal to 50% of the current use recovery money paid by March 1, 1996 and place the sum in a special fund for the purpose

of land purchase by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.** Selectman Robert Jackson moved to adopt Article 12 and was seconded.

Burton Knight proposed an amendment to increase the current use recovery money from 50% to 75%.

After some discussion the article was passed as amended.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the bridge capital reserve account. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund or take action relative thereto. **The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.**

Selectman Verrochi moved for passage and was seconded.

He advised that, according to Public Works Director Richard G. Crocker, all the bridges in Town have been repaired and the remaining balance in this fund could be removed and added to the general fund.

Passed without discussion.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. and was passed.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY A. DEMERS
Town Clerk

BUDGET AS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Town Officers Salaries	$89,785.00
Town Office Expense	222,861.00
Town Buildings	86,150.00
Elections	5,400.00
Legal	45,000.00
Insurance	452,916.00
Maps & Survey	950.00
Assessing	84,723.00
Police Retirement	25,610.00
Social Security	105,783.00
Employee Retirement	32,821.00
Tree Care	725.00
Conservation	1,575.00
Contingency	25,000.00
Total	$1,179,299.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	$735,472.00
Fire	143,184.00
Police Special Duty	25,000.00
Animal Control	11,080.00
Emergency Management	4,100.00
Ambulance	45,232.00
Hydrant Rental	105,701.00
Total	$1,069,769.00
HEALTH & WELFARE	
Health Officer	$1,500.00
Souhegan Nursing	9,000.00
St. Joseph's Elderly	650.00
Souhegan Valley Resources	2,000.00
Nashua Mental Health	1,178.00
Milford Counseling	3,000.00
Nashua Mediation	600.00
Nashua Rape & Assault	700.00
Gateway	750.00
Town Welfare	15,000.00
Total	$34,378.00

HIGHWAY	
General Expense	$177,127.00
Street Lights	24,575.00
Oiling	70,450.00
Summer Maintenance	93,825.00
Winter Maintenance	268,391.00
Road Improvements	37,800.00
Parks	17,014.00
Cemeteries	0.00
Highway Subsidy	185,625.00
Landfill	115,010.00
Total	$989,817.00
RECREATION & CULTURE	
Recreation	$157,138.00
Baboosic	31,230.00
Memorial Day	700.00
July 4th	3,000.00
Total	$192,068.00
PLANNING & ZONING	
Regional Planning	$12,793.00
Planning	4,270.00
Board of Adjustment	1,850.00
Zoning	94,785.00
Total	$113,698.00
LAND DEBT SERVICE	
Payment on Debt-Land	$27,000.00
Interest on Debt-Land	10,795.00
Interest on Debt-Bldg.	9,779.00
Total	$47,574.00
CAPITAL RESERVES	
Fire Truck	$0.00
Rescue Vehicle	20,000.00
Highway Equipment	16,125.00
Highway Vehicle	20,00.00
Ladder Truck	0.00
Salt Barn	25,000.00
Total	$81,125.00

LIBRARY	
Wages	$238,908.00
Operating Expenses	73,192.00
Debt Service:	
Payment on Debt	45,000.00
Interest on Debt	35,966.00
Total	$393,066.00
TRANSFERS OUT	
Communications Center	$92,347.00
Souhegan Landfill	181,736.00
Total	$274,083.00
Sub-Total	$4,374,877.00
WARRANT ARTICLES	
Police/Rescue Addition	$350,000.00
Paving	58,000.00
Ladder Truck	314,000.00
Village Green Intersection	30,000.00
Landfill Scale Lease Purchase	10,500.00
Total	$762,500.00
Grand Total	**$5,137,377.00**

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Jan. 27	Nashua	Lisa D.Dubois Eric W. Dewitz	Alfred R. Latour Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Amherst	Lucinda P. Kendall Donald M. Harrington	Sherry C. Manor Justice of the Peace
Mar. 9	Nashua	Linda G. Browne John M. Wolotschaj	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
April 13	Hudson	Joan B. Drouin Dana H. McLaughlin	William E. Beane Justice of the Peace
April 25	Nashua	Kristy L. Dobson Gary A. Schoolcraft Jr.	Kenneth E. Churbuck Justice of the Peace
May 4	Francestown	Lissa A. Marsh Jonathan H. McCoy	Gordon R. Sherman, Jr. Justice of the Peace
May 18	Milford	Ginni D. Povey Matthew P. Johnson	Andrew Cryans Clergyman
May 18	Amherst	Carol A. Moriarty Michael J. Padilla-Pagan	Danny R. Chernewski Justice of the Peace
May 18	Nashua	Jeanne M. Davis Michael F. Donnelly	Daniel A. St.Laurent Clergyman
May 18	Nashua	Lisa A. Finamore Lawrence A. Bartlett	Brian J. LaSalle Clergyman
May 25	Nashua	Linda A. Desautels Thomas A. Gendron	Marguerite L. Ross Justice of the Peace
May 25	Amherst	Kristine A. Snyder Grover D. Penny	Natalie R. Manor Justice of the Peace
May 31	Milford	Elizabeth J. Potter Mark A. Oliveira	Andrew Cryans Clergyman
Jun. 8	Meredith	Colleen A. Todd Thomas E. Rizzo, Jr.	Fernand Pichette Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Jun. 8	Amherst	Heather D. Wilson Randall K.C. Maier	James M. Addonizio Justice of the Peace
Jun. 9	Nashua	Karen J. Rioux Daniel M. Sousa	David A. Dailey Justice of the Peace
Jun. 16	Nashua	Janet C. Spellman Paul D. Kennett	E. A. Foster Clergyman
Jun. 22	Bedford	Stephanie N. White Mark W. Ellis	Natalie R. Manor Justice of the Peace
Jun. 29	Hudson	Carol B. Morgan Steven D. Dipirro	William E. Beane Justice of the Peace
Jul. 7	Amherst	Deborah Sampson Dennis R. Caldwell	David G. Phreaner Clergyman
Jul. 13	Milford	Erin K. Long Daniel V. Miele	Andrew W. Cryans Clergyman
Jul. 13	Bedford	Danielle V. Valente Jeremiah M. Donovan III	Natalie R. Manor Justice of the Peace
Jul. 20	Amherst	Jayma L. Hillsgrove Milton G. Robinson III	Leonard F. Zecchini Clergyman
Jul. 27	Nashua	Susan L. Dodge Marc R. Berube	Robert W. Odierna Clergyman
Aug. 1	Amherst	Maureen A. Morton James M. Heedles	Kenneth E. Churbuck Justice of the Peace
Aug. 4	Amherst	Whitney E. Sutherland Jeffrey K. Boschen	Margaret E. Proctor Clergyman
Aug. 10	Amherst	Patricia A. Hopkins Fred H. Nadon	Thomas P. Mullins Justice of the Peace
Aug. 10	Amherst	Tracy L. Martin Robert W. Waterman, Jr.	Joanne H. Laychak Justice of the Peace
Aug. 10	Amherst	Carey Ann Morehouse David A. Shaw	James A. Burbank Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Aug. 11	Amherst	Melinda A. Garcia Adrian M. Hester	Richard A. Brams Justice of the Peace
Aug. 17	Amherst	Cynthia L. Caristi Robert J. Thibeault	Linda L. Reger Justice of the Peace
Aug. 17	Amherst	Nancy L. Stave Andre C. Gagnon	Sherri C. Manor Justice of the Peace
Aug. 24	Amherst	Kelsey A. Richards Christopher J. Doherty	Todd B. Jones Clergyman
Aug. 31	Hudson	Jill M. Vickers Kevin D. Kilgore	Peggy S. Berube Justice of the Peace
Aug. 31	Amherst	Allison R. Clark Patrick W. Hopkins	Keith G. Greer Clergyman
Aug. 31	Amherst	Rebecca K. Reed Robert A. Hart	Keta C. Jones Clergyman
Sept. 7	Hollis	Nancy J. Chase Reginald J. Scott, Jr.	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Sept. 7	Milford	Kathryn M. Borek James A. Solinas	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Sept. 13	Amherst	Kimberly L. Vars Derek V. Whitehead	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Sept. 14	Amherst	Jill Greenhalgh Daniel W. McGowan	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Sept. 14	Milford	Lisa A. Ryan Howard L. Sevey, Jr.	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Sept. 15	Amherst	Brenda A. Lozier John H. Hermens, Jr.	James M. Addonizio Justice of the Peace
Sept. 20	Bedford	Deborah L. Vickers Jonathan T. Stevens	Liese R. Stevens Justice of the Peace
Sept. 21	Windham	Tracy L. Dry Gregory S. Townsend	Anne G. Stanley Clergyman
Sept. 22	Keene	Georgia A.L. Tasoulas Christy C. Houpis	Theodore Stylianopovlas Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Sept. 27	Amherst	Melanie Ingalls Mark K. Bissonnette	Natalie R. Manor Justice of the Peace
Sept. 28	Concord	Heidi L. Kroll Matthew J. Halvorsen	Charles J. Heslam Clergyman
Sept. 28	Bedford	Nancy A. M. Ladue James E. Shildneck	John K. Gemmill Justice of the Peace
Sept. 28	Amherst	Maya A. Balsama David M. Gryniewicz	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Oct. 5	Amherst	Michelle L. Gabaree John J. Murphy	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Oct. 5	Amherst	Sonja G. Schultz David H. Michaels	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Oct. 12	Amherst	Taylor A. Ferry Raymond B. Hindle II	Edward Miller, Jr. Clergyman
Oct. 12	Amherst	Kristen J. Morgan Kevin J. Sadowski	Tad Sandford Clergyman
Oct. 20	Manchester	Christine M. Beaupre Daniel R. Snyder	Robert E. Gorski Clergyman
Oct. 21	Nashua	Elena C. Georgoulakos Allen T. Emory	Thomas Chininis Clergyman
Oct. 26	Nashua	Bernadette K. Rogers David A. Kutcher	Paul R. Berube Clergyman
Oct. 26	Amherst	Lauren M. White Louis A. Primmer, Jr.	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Nov. 2	Milford	Heather A. Foster Edward J. Ownes, Jr.	Jeanne Nieuwejaar Clergyman
Nov. 10	Merrimack	Reanna M. Masucci Brian J. Schwager	Robert E. Gorski Clergyman
Nov. 30	Milford	Janet Marcella Terence J. O'Brien	Andrew Cryans Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Dec. 24	Amherst	Shannon L. Babinger Roland E. Giguere	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Dec. 27	Milford	Sarah J. Hanlon Edmund Stemska	Andrew Cryans Clergyman
Dec. 29	Manchester	Martha F. Searle Garret P. Cowenhoven	Anne G. Stanley Clergyman

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 16	Nashua	Jason James Emmond	James P. Emmond	Michelle M. Emmond
Jan. 16	Nashua	Samantha Arlene Foreman	David A. Foreman	Sandra A. Foreman
Jan. 16	Nashua	Jennifer Gao McIntosh	Stephen M. McIntosh	Qi Gao
Jan. 22	Nashua	Kasey Ann McGandy	Peter M. McGandy	Tammie L.M. McGandy
Feb. 6	Nashua	Peter Winthrop Sargent	Duncan T. Sargent	Celeste A. Sargent
Feb. 9	Nashua	Amanda Lou Murray	David J. Murray	Becky A. Murray
Feb. 25	Manchester	Taylor Lee Ellis	Mark W. Ellis	Stephanie N. White
Mar. 1	Nashua	Mikaela Anne Sullivan	Michael S. Sullivan	Julie C. Sullivan
Mar. 3	Nashua	Zachery Allan Ladd	E. Allan Ladd	Pamela J. Porter-Ladd
Mar. 16	Nashua	Brett Joseph Quinn	Thomas F. Quinn	Judith M. Quinn
Mar. 22	Manchester	McKeon Patrick Mackey	William P. Mackey	Sharla S. Mackey
Mar. 24	Nashua	Meghan Lila Jones	Timothy C. Jones	Karen M. Jones
Apr. 3	Manchester	Margaret Jean Darin	Gene V. Darin Jr.	Jill C. Darin
Apr. 3	Nashua	Madelynne Gloria Weisberg	Douglas C. Weisberg	Deborah Ann C. Weisberg
Apr. 4	Nashua	Christopher Daniel Buck	David H. Buck	Harriet F. Buck
Apr. 10	Nashua	Brooke Elizabeth Young	Jeffrey A. Young	Rebecca A. Young
Apr. 12	Peterborough	Jacob James Hanlon	Edward J. Hanlon	Jane H. Hanlon
Apr. 12	Peterborough	Adam David Hanlon	Edward J. Hanlon	Jane H. Hanlon
Apr. 16	Manchester	Jessica Lynn Jay	Christopher S. Jay	Stephanie L. Jay
Apr. 23	Nashua	Mitchell William Hale	David M. Hale	Diane G. Hale
Apr. 25	Manchester	Madeleine Baer Kelly	Kevin B. Kelly	Nicole A. Kelly
Apr. 29	Nashua	Emily Lauren Stauble	William B. Stauble	Debra J. Stauble
May 4	Nashua	Tyler Charles Trottier	Charles H. Trottier	Susan M. Trottier
May 10	Nashua	Benjamin Andrew Haymes	Lloyd J. Haymes	Keri L. Haymes
May 16	Manchester	Valerie Marie Mukai	George W. K. Mukai	Christine M. Mukai
May 22	Peterborough	Alicia Alessandra Wight	Brian D. Wight	Alicia A. Wight
May 23	Manchester	Olivia Grace Durling	William A. Durling	Susan M. Durling
May 28	Nashua	Jackson David Pollio	David D. Pollio	Susan M. Pollio
May 29	Nashua	Kyle Duncan MacDonald	Evan D. MacDonald	Donna L. MacDonald
May 29	Nashua	Sara Evelyn Theriault	David P. Theriault	Suzanne M. Theriault
May 31	Nashua	Artemis Thalia Jeanne Friel	Thomas P. Friel	Vassiliki Friel
Jun 2	Nashua	Jacobus Martin Roos	Timothy M. Roos	Julie Beth Roos

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jun. 3	Manchester	Thomas John Bullen	John T. Bullen	Eileen M. Bullen
Jun. 18	Nashua	Brittany Rose Leveille	Roger F. Leveille, Jr.	Josee M. Leveille
Jun. 20	Manchester	John Christopher Facey	Eric C. Facey	Amy R. Facey
Jun. 25	Manchester	Kyle Paul Vigneault	James P. Vigneault	Cheryl L. Vigneault
Jul. 12	Nashua	William Fraser Towner	William N. Towner	Susan M. Towner
Jul. 15	Nashua	Margaret M. Jennings	Gregory P. Jennings	Virginia J. Jennings
Jul. 17	Nashua	Adam Benjamin White	Michael S. White	Ninette L. White
Jul. 19	Nashua	Haley Elizabeth Aiken	John D. Aiken	Leanne E. Mills
Jul. 20	Nashua	Madison Joanne Adams	Patrick L. Adams	Kim M. Adams
Jul. 21	Manchester	Marilyn Mayfield Rohrer	Robert L. Rohrer, Jr.	Sophie E. Rohrer
Jul. 27	Peterborough	Isaiah Edward Cass	Frederick C. Cass	Tracey L. Cass
Jul. 29	Manchester	Joseph Anthony Caraccio	Albert J. Caraccio	Michelle D. Caraccio
Aug.15	Manchester	Nicole Taylor Anthony	Michael F. Anthony	Debra S. Anthony
Aug.18	Nashua	Christian Robert Cyr	Robert J. Cyr	Janice C. Cyr
Aug.19	Nashua	Matthew Tyler Bica	John F. Bica	Karen J. Bica
Aug.28	Nashua	Marisa Ann Palmeri	Michael J. Palmeri	Susan M. Palmeri
Aug.30	Manchester	Drew Taylor Sheridan	John E. Sheridan	Pamela J. Sheridan
Sept 10	Nashua	Zia Ahmed Siddiqui	Ehtisham U.A. Siddiqui	Sadia Siddiqui
Sept 11	Nashua	Jason Hoyt Trischitta	James R. Trischitta	Andrea L. Trischitta
Oct. 1	Manchester	Alexander Fulton Waldron	Donald M. Waldron	Elizabeth D. Elliott
Oct. 3	Nashua	Grace Emily Lamay	Gregory G. Lamay	Heidi E. Lamay
Oct. 5	Nashua	Hannah Coleman Kenney	John F. Kenney III	Julia C. Kenney
Oct. 8	Nashua	Andrew John Winter	Peter G. Winter	Pamela J. Winter
Oct. 17	Nashua	Jacob Thomas Long	Thomas E. Long	Kathleen A. Long
Oct. 17	Nashua	Kayla Bissonnette	Mark K. Bissonnette	Melanie Ingalls
Oct. 21	Manchester	Cara Elizabeth Griffith	Keith A. Griffith	Marcia L. Griffith
Oct. 29	Manchester	Taylor James Farrow	James R. Farrow	Deborah N. Farrow
Oct. 31	Nashua	Taylor Margaret Conley	Gary L. Conley	Sandra J. Rowe-Conley
Nov. 3	Manchester	Austin Augustus Quinlan	Lawrence J. Quinlan	Shannon A. Quinlan
Nov. 13	Nashua	Anna Hemingway Smith	Paul D. Smith	Susan H. Smith
Nov. 15	Nashua	Breanna Ruth Marks	James E. Marks	Kristin H. Marks
Nov. 17	Nashua	Victoria Raye Wisniewski	Paul V. Wisniewski	Deborah Leonard-Wisniewski
Nov. 19	Manchester	MacKenzie Rhodes Folsom	Mark R. Folsom	Melissa L. Folsom
Nov. 21	Nashua	Hope Raeann Duarte	Shawn W. Durate	Kim M. Duarte
Nov. 22	Manchester	Victoria Peirce Stout	Jonathan P. Stout	Gail L. Stout
Nov. 30	Nashua	Mitchell George Hubert	Paul D. Hubert, Sr.	Deborah A. Hubert

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Dec. 3	Nashua	Emily Nicole Horlick	Mark J. Horlick	Kimberly A. Horlick
Dec. 4	Manchester	Carter Montgomery Hall	Edward C. Hall, Jr.	Mary E. Montgomery
Dec. 12	Nashua	Collin Marshall Dodge	John Dodge	Lori Dodge
Dec. 13	Amherst	Sage Nathaniel Maxwell	Scott A. Maxwell	Valerie S. Maxwell
Dec. 16	Manchester	Brian Rockefeller Mitchell	John A. Mitchell	Doris A. Mitchell
Dec. 20	Manchester	Karry Mae Pothier	Brian C. Pothier	Kristen M. Pothier
Dec. 22	Nashua	Sandrine Gwenaelle Corbinand	Pascal H. Corbinand	Roberta A. Corbinand
Dec. 24	Nashua	Matthew Peter Hopfenspirger	John P. Hopfenspirger	Carol R. Hopfenspirger
Dec. 24	Manchester	Jack Gordon Engholm	Eugene H. Engholm, Jr.	Amy B. Engholm
Dec. 26	Nashua	Julia May Eichman	Edward J. Eichman, Jr.	Maura J. Eichman
Dec. 26	Nashua	Elise Marie Bonenberger	Howard J. Bonenberger	Kathleen M. Bonenberger
Dec. 27	Nashua	Charlotte Elise Dyer	Michael J. Dyer	Darby C. Dyer
Dec. 29	Nashua	Daniel James Passen	Jeffrey S. Passen	Paula-Marie Passen
Dec. 31	Nashua	Madison Belle Collins	Timothy B. Collins	Colleen P. Collins

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 2	Amherst	Betty J. Breda	61	Dan Watkins	Gladys Crowder
Jan. 9	Milford	Benjamin Brewster	91	Benjamin E. Brewster	Grace Barnard
Feb. 7	Milford	Joseph A. Pezzullo	71	Archie Pezzullo	Paula Carpentiere
Feb. 21	Amherst	Gordon S. Redman	57	Gordon S. Redman	Priscilla G. Jacobs
Feb. 21	Amherst	William A. Baker	51	William R. Baker	Evelyn Hubbard
Feb. 24	Amherst	Mary E. Boudreau	86	James W. Sheridan	Mary A. White
Mar. 7	Manchester	Viola M. Miles	86	Vernon E. Race	Lora E. Hopkins
Apr. 4	Nashua	Beatrice M. Grant	77	Arthur Corlis	Elizabeth Latuche
Apr. 7	Milford	David J. Sliney, Sr.	91	Oscar W. Sliney	Mary Ann Harkins
Apr. 11	Nashua	Richard W. Merrill	51	Oliver F. Merrill	Geneva Roby
Apr. 20	Nashua	Emmett C. Baldic	78	Charles E. Baldic	Sarah M. Lemna
Apr. 22	Amherst	Annalee F. Lombard	81	Nathaniel Flanders	Ella O'Meara
Apr. 27	Nashua	Richard N. Cauthorn	69		
May 12	Nashua	Christine L. Chandler	73	Everett Wilder	Rose Sanstran
Jun. 8	Nashua	Helen I. Prokop	89	Unknown	Unknown
Jun. 16	New London	Theodore G. Weiser	67	Theodore G. Weiser, Sr.	Mae C. Stanc
Jun. 22	Nashua	Violet Cole	89	William Hicks	Sarah Hicks
Jul. 25	Nashua	Ann M. Kirkwood	57	George Maksim	Frances Frazier
Jul. 26	Nashua	Barbara H. Wakelin	54	William A. Hartwig	Thelma Rudin
Jul. 27	Nashua	Agnes B. Conlon	70	John Foley	Mary Flaherty
Aug. 1	Amherst	Eugene J. Cogan	79	Eugene Cogan	Ellen Flynn
Aug. 8	Milford	Leslie E. Adams	86	Thomas E. Adams	Nina Hayford
Sept. 26	Milford	Alice E. Townes	86	Frederick C. Townes	Elizabeth Bell
Sept. 27	Nashua	Shirley A. Delude	59	Warren Boutwell	Florilda Levesque
Sept 30	Amherst	Charles R. Tiedemann, Sr.	84	William A. Tiedemann	Maria J. Stokes
Oct. 3	Amherst	Constance L. MacPhee	72	Clayton L. Moore	Nina T. Ganong
Oct. 3	Nashua	Betty L. Hall	70	Abbott Godwin	Alice Denley
Oct. 11	Milford	Douglas R. Cohen	54	Harold A. Cohen	Phyllis Tierney
Oct. 19	Manchester	William D. McKellar, Jr.	85	William D. McKellar, Sr.	Eileen Connor
Oct. 25	Nashua	Irene M. Daneau	76	Jean Michaud	Marie Therriault
Nov. 3	Nashua	Anneliese Knutsen	81	August Jacob	Adele Brandes
Nov. 17	Nashua	Victoria R. Wisniewski	0	Paul Wisniewski	Deborah Leonard
Nov. 20	Manchester	Olga Larsen	88	John Kleiven	Martha Olsen

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Nov. 26	Nashua	Donna M. Grant	54	Donald C. Grant	Katherine Thompson
Dec. 6	Nashua	Paul L. Savage	71	Paul Savage	Jane C. Savage
Dec. 18	Milford	Evelyn A. Robins	87	William Jaffray	Emma Elrington
Dec. 20	Manchester	Ralph E. Smith, Jr.	70	Ralph E. Smith, Sr.	Lillian J. Snyder
Dec. 27	Nashua	Alan Mackay	60	Alexander Mackay	Charlotte Beckel
Dec. 29	Amherst	Renee M. Cannata	24	Joseph Cannata II	Judith A. Picard
Dec. 31	Milford	Aili Hendrickx	64	Armas Aijala	Hilja Erkala

BROUGHT FROM AWAY & BURIED IN AMHERST

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Cemetery
Nov. 28, 1994	Milford	Barbara J. Slaughter		Meadowview
Nov. 2, 1995	Manchester	Daniel J. McCreary		Meadowview
Mar. 12	Northampton, PA	Violet E. Ullrich	89	Meadowview
Mar. 24	Stuart, FL	Theresa A. Murphy		St. Patrick's
May 23	Nashua	Madeline T. Lynch	80	St. Patrick's
May 26	Nashua	Katherine M. Zaccagnini	54	St. Patrick's
Jun. 14	Boston, MA	Mo Ki Wat		Meadowview
Jul. 4	Bedford	Mary M. Nutting	77	Meadowview
Jul. 6	Leesburg, VA	Edward Baer	52	Meadowview
Sept. 2	Manchester	Everett C. Fisher	79	Meadowview
Nov. 6	Derry Village	Helen L. Schofield	89	Meadowview
Nov. 21	San Diego, CA	Bobbie G. Carmen	31	St. Patrick's

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone No._____

In order to make my contribution to the growth and welfare of the Town of Amherst, I am willing to volunteer to serve on the following Boards, Commission and Committees. My preference is indicated by 1, 2, 3, etc.

_____**Board of Adjustment**	_____**Recreation Commission**
_____**Planning Board**	_____**Road Commission**
_____**Historic District**	_____**N.R.P.C.**
_____**Conservation Commission**	_____**S.R.L.D.**
_____**Ways & Means Committee**	_____**Recycling Committee**

Attach a brief statement as to why you feel qualified to serve as indicated above.

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Amherst Ways & Means Committee, having been charged with the task of actively engaging the Town and School officials in the development of their budgets, is pleased to report that our representatives, both elected and appointed, have done a fine and responsible job as custodians for our Town and Schools.

During this budget process, we have examined, discussed, advised, and/or opined (not always agreeably) on virtually every line item of both the Town's and School's budgets. And while both of these budgets have increased this year, the Ways & Means Committee believes those increases to be understandable, given the level of services being provided to the citizens of Amherst. To that end, we support passage of both the Town and School budgets.

In many ways, this year's budgets have been quiet continuations of accepted paradigms, resulting in arguably modest increases, depending on the methods of comparison. Yet, these budgets have also been viewed as the harbinger of an impending crisis. As has been articulated from the hallowed rooms of Town Hall to the parking lot at Wal-Mart, creating such a wonderful place to raise a family is not without a cost. More teachers, more schools, more playing fields, more busses ... Unit costs may not be out of line, but the tax burden to the individual property owner is increasing at an uncomfortable rate.

While our Committee's efforts afford some level of assurance that prudent fiscal diligence has been observed, we can not effectively represent our constituency on the critical, though often over-looked issue of the philosophical bases on which these budgets are built and our Schools and Town are run. To that end, I encourage involvement by all citizens; to embrace these budgets with an open mind and a broad view; to review them as a member of a rich community determined to flourish well into the future; and to seek understanding of not just the costs, but also the concepts and consequences imbedded within them.

This Committee welcomes any and all input from you, and is looking forward to a spirited and enlightening exchange of ideas culminating in the Town and School District Meetings this March.

NEAL FOLEY
Chairman